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DeRoche wants Detroit mayor gone

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By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Since last week's session was cancelled, no movement was made regarding House Republican measures aimed at forcing the removal of Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, said House Minority Leader Craig DeRoche (R-Now).

"We held a press conference expressing our frustration that we're taking a 10-week vacation in the legislature, when we should be dealing with issues such as property taxes and Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick," DeRoche said. "We're optimistic there will be movement Wednesday."

House Republicans called on House Speaker Andy Dillon last Monday to take up bills that would hold Kilpatrick responsible for the \$8 million settlement from the whistle-blower case, take-away health care and retirement benefits from any elected official convicted of certain felonies, including those which the mayor is accused of, and rescind the \$4 million in revenue sharing given to the mayor this year for the City of Detroit.

"In this year's budget, we approved an additional \$4 million in revenue sharing to keep the streets safe for our citizens of Detroit. We must be sure it will be used as intended," said Appropriations Vice-Chair Dan Acciavatti in a press release.

House Republicans also introduced a resolution calling on the governor to remove the mayor from office.

"I believe he should be removed," DeRoche said. "She (the governor) should have her hearing and remove him from office immediately."

"I think it's hurting us on a global level. There are people I'm talking to in Spain who are watching the hearings with Kwame Kilpatrick."

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Courage, respect and self-esteem



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Maria Dismody will be signing her children's book "Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun" at the Lucy store in Twelve Oaks Mall on Saturday.

Novi author pens children's book with important message

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Lucy has big hair, mismatched socks and eats toast with ketchup for breakfast. Lucy represents any child of the past, present or future who has been teased or bullied for being different.

"I recently ran into the guy who used to be my bully and it just hit home to me that children can bully each other but they're just normal human beings," said Maria Dismody, Novi resident and author of the children's book "Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun."

Dismody, 30, said she used some of her own childhood experiences to pen the book she hopes will empower children.

"My mom actually gave us spaghetti in a hot dog bun and we were teased about it, and I was always teased about my big hair," she said. "(The book) is really about having the courage to be who you are. Instead of changing who she is, Lucy continues to be herself. She's kind of like a little Punky Brewster."

As a second grade teacher in the Plymouth Canton School District, Dismody inspires kids

in the classroom everyday, but she wanted to do more.

"As a teacher, I reach 25 kids a year, but I wanted to reach more," she said. "I'm going on my eighth year of teaching and I know children struggle with this all the time. I'm really excited to get the message out to children."

Although this is the first book Dismody has published, she already has ideas for the second.

"I'd like to do another book about the same concept of bullying," she

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Novi's Varsity Lincoln-Mercury sales associates Barry Harnos and Karen Sabatini chat near a 2008 Mercury Mountaineer.

Novi's Varsity Lincoln-Mercury sues Southfield auto dealership

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Varsity Lincoln-Mercury in Novi is suing Star Lincoln-Mercury in Southfield for falsely advertising that the Novi dealership is closing as part of an attempted customer-stealing scheme.

"We believe we were targeted. We believe these mass mailings were targeted at our customers. The majority of Lincoln-Mercury dealers did not experience this problem," said Jeffery Meek, Varsity Lincoln-Mercury's attorney, noting only two other metro-Detroit dealerships had a similar problem.

The lawsuit alleges Star Lincoln-Mercury sent at least 65 letters July 24 to tease customers of the Novi location. More have been reported since the Aug. 14 filing.

The letter stated, "It has come to my attention that your Lincoln-Mercury Dealer has decided to close his doors" before citing Star Lincoln-Mercury's 50 plus years of experience and asking customers to bring their business there.

"The description of the letter is what smacks competition," Meek said. "Any attempt to excuse this

is red herring." Star Lincoln-Mercury, one of three Southfield locations, has since indicated the letter was supposed to read "a Lincoln-Mercury Dealer," referencing Stu Evans Lincoln-Mercury of Lakeside in Clinton Township. Meeks said the location hasn't closed its doors, but is out of inventory as a result of a separate dispute with the parent company.

"If that's who he's referring to, he can make it crystal clear," Meek said.

The Clinton Township location is 35 miles and a 63-minute drive from the Novi location. Customers in Novi, Plymouth and surrounding communities received the letter.

"We think they cross-referenced two or three databases (to create the mailing list)," Meek said, noting the Southfield dealership would not present the Novi dealer with a copy of the mailing list, but instead asked for a copy of Varsity Lincoln-Mercury's leasors for comparison.

As of press deadline, Star Lincoln-Mercury had not published a retraction on par with a July 30 request by Varsity

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Weinstein employees prepare for cancer 3-Day walk in fall

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Over the course of three days, three Weinstein Jewelers employees will walk 60-miles to fight a disease that is diagnosed in one woman every three minutes.

The 2008 Breast Cancer 3-Day is coming to Detroit Sept. 26-28, and Weinstein employees Cindy and Jake Kaplan, and Rebekah Robinson, will join about 2,500

walkers in the journey, which benefits Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

"We all made separate goal sheets, we didn't see each other and we all ended up putting the walk down as a goal," said Jake Kaplan, 17, of the personal goals owner Gary Weinstein requires his employees to make at the beginning of each year. "I personally did it because I knew it was something my mom always wanted to do."

Jake's mother Cindy Kaplan, 56, who is in charge of finances for Weinstein Jewelers, has lost numerous family members to cancer.

"I'm just doing it for everyone who has gone through it," Cindy Kaplan said. "Everyone on my mother's side has died of a cancer. We also have a lot of clients who

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Weinstein Jewelers employees Jake Kaplan, left, Rebekah Robinson and Cindy Kaplan, will participate in the upcoming Cancer 3-Day Walk in Detroit.

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Warner Bros. considers Wixom plant for studio

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Warner Bros. production company is exploring the potential of the former Ford Wixom plant as a possible studio site.

"I can confirm that we did look into this facility, but no decisions have been made (and there are some real issues with this particular plant)," said Scott Rowe, senior vice president of corporate communications for Warner Bros. Entertainment. "We are completely in an exploratory stage at this point."

The former assembly plant, which halted production in May 2007, is about 4.5 million square feet and sits upon 318 acres at Wixom Road and Interstate 96.

"As a matter of practice, we are constantly scouting out places all over the world to make movies," Rowe said.

Wixom City Manager Michael Dorman said Warner Bros. is the only production company he knows of that has looked at the Ford property, but believes the film production credit, which went into effect about four months ago, boosts Michigan as a place that is friendly to the filmmaking industry.

"It's not just Warner Bros. This legislature has created an interest in the smart money in the filmmaking business to look at Michigan," Dorman said. "There's a great deal of attributes to doing filmmaking in our area of metropolitan Detroit."

Highlighting specific attributes of Wixom, Dorman noted its location, area hotels and catering companies such as Gary's Catering.

"About four months ago, as the state was finalizing this film incentive, we had some conversations with the state film office to think about opportunities,"

Dorman said. "It would open up jobs and diversify the type of jobs we have here."

According to a WDIV-TV (Channel 4) news report, Ford officials said they cannot comment on any plans or discussions until there is a signed agreement.

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WALK

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have gone through it and survived and some unfortunately who have not.

"Being with all these women will be really remarkable."

After a recent scare with cancer, Robinson, 28, who is the store manager, said the walk is personal. "Within this last year, I found a lot of lumps in my breasts," she said. "I probably had (what turned out to be) a total of five or six cysts, but the whole process was scary."

In order to participate in the three-day event, each member of Team Diamond Strong is responsible for raising \$2,200.

"So far, we've each raised about half. The clients have helped a lot," said Cindy Kaplan, noting anyone interested can stop in the store and sign the T-shirts they will be wearing for the event. "You have until 30 days before the walk to raise the money, but we would really feel better if we had it done and over with when we walk."

The employees made sterling silver, pink crystal drop necklaces for donations and held a barbecue at the store a couple of weeks ago with Famous Dave's, who donated half of their proceeds to the cause.

"The fund raising is a little stressful because whatever we don't raise, we're personally responsible for," Robinson said. "I'm also a little apprehensive about the pain of it, but, in the same respect, anything you do in life that is challenging, there's risk involved."

Cindy Kaplan said the most common problems for walkers of the three-day event are blisters and dehydration.

"It's casual walking. They step over a two-and-a-half to three miles to check your feet and make sure you have enough water," she said, adding they are required to have at least two good pairs of shoes and are supposed to change their shoes and socks once a day.

The walk begins at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills and, after they complete about 20-miles each day, they go to a campground where participants are provided pink tents, good food, hot showers and entertainment.

"I haven't walked 20 miles yet in a day. I think the most I've done is seven," Robinson said. "To me, it's not a race, it's more symbolic."

The employees began training for the event in May.

"We've been doing OK with our training, but we have to devote our Sundays and Mondays off to walking at Kensington (Metropark)," Cindy Kaplan said. "It's a lot of hard work. There's other cardio they want you to do besides just walking."

In case of inclement weather, Jake Kaplan said he plans to have extra numbers for local hotels stored in his cellular phone, but the use of phones

and devices such as iPods are not permitted during the walk.

The closing ceremonies will take place at the Henry Ford Museum.

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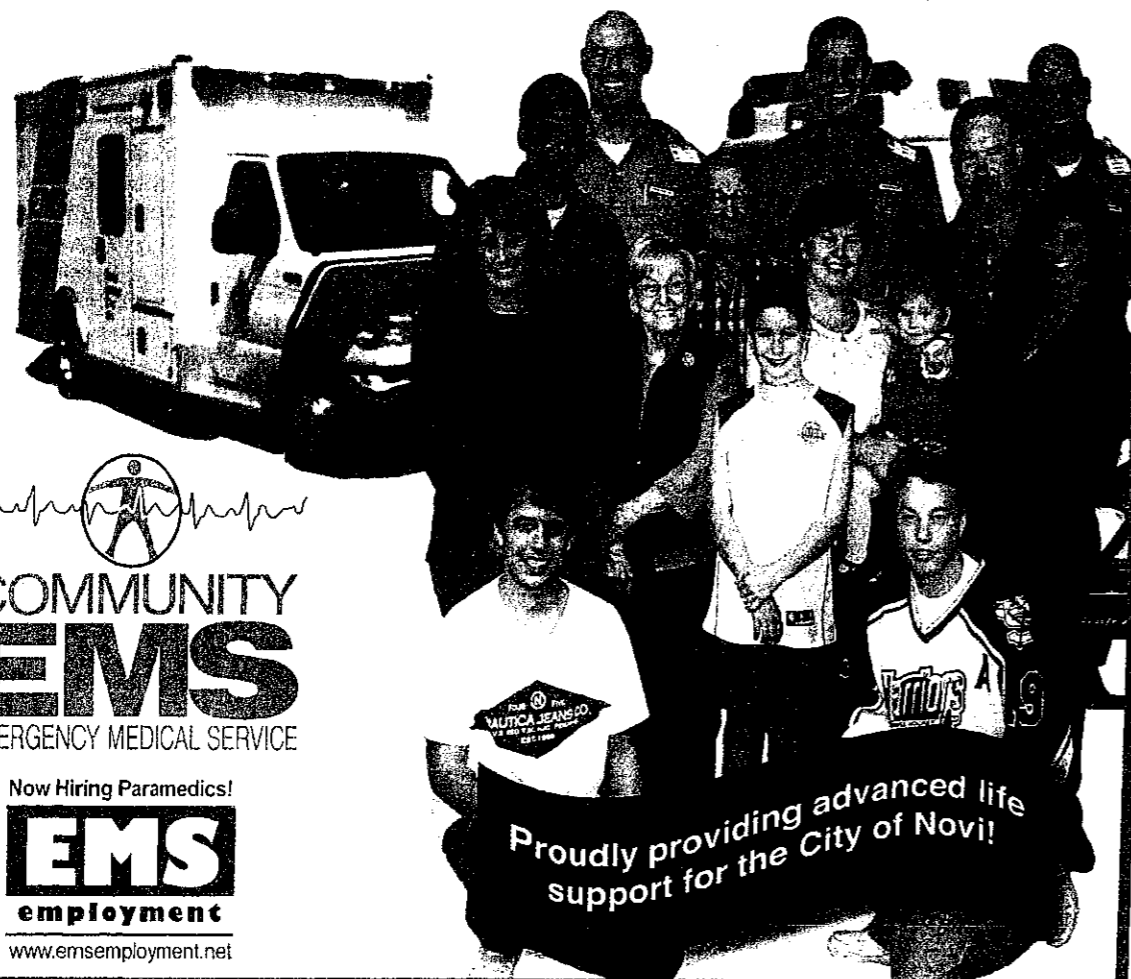
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Novi Chamber members celebrate merger tonight

■ 5-7 p.m. at The Post

By Kelly Murad
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Almost two months following the official merger of the two Novi chambers, the newly formed Novi Chamber of Commerce is hosting a celebration from 5-7 p.m. tonight at The Post Bar in downtown Novi.

For those who are interested in attending the event, but did not register in advance, admission is \$15 at the door.

"It's our first opportunity to really do an after-hours event since we officially merged," said Linda Daly, director of marketing and administration for the Novi Chamber. "Our last luncheon we had about 70 people, so I'm going to guess we'll have about 50 people, plus a majority of the board members will be there."

The 24-member board consists of 12 members from the former Greater Novi Chamber of Commerce and 12 members from the original Novi Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber is functioning under a dual-directorship with

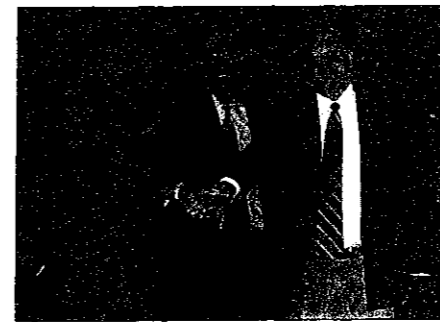


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Bob Thorne, former chairman of the defunct Novi Chamber of Commerce, (left) joins Keith Kuhn, former chairman of the dissolved Greater Novi Chamber, (right) and Novi Mayor David Landry for a photo days before the newly formed Novi Chamber of Commerce merger celebration.

former executive director of the Greater Novi Chamber, Whitney McClellan Stone, serving as director of operations, alongside Daly.

"We're going to have representatives from each of our committees and round tables (at the event)," Daly said. "A lot of the members aren't even aware of the round tables and committees so we hope to create some interest there."

and Women's Round Table, among others.

In order to make the transition as smooth as possible for the almost 600 members, membership rolled over to the new chamber, or was added together for those businesses who previously belonged to both chambers.

The Greater Novi Chamber was formed two years ago by a group of business people who were not pleased with the direction the Novi Chamber of Commerce was taking at the time. The merger took place once said issues were resolved to benefit Novi businesses.

"There has been a lot of member excitement and participation," Daly said.

Members of both organizations voted almost unanimously in favor of the merger, which was official July 3.

For more information, visit the Novi Chamber Web site at www.novichamber.com or call (248) 349-3743.

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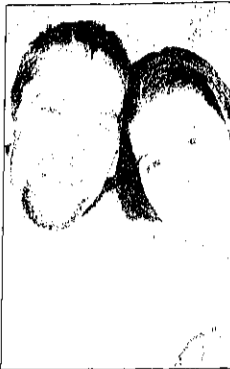
Rita Henner, a resident of Waltonwood senior community of Novi, celebrated her 100th birthday Aug. 6. All of the residents threw Henner an unforgettable dinner party to honor the centennial mark. Henner enjoyed sharing her birthday with all of her friends at Waltonwood. There were beautiful decorations and everyone had an amazing time.

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Michael M. O'Brien

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Fox-Schwarz

Blanca E. Fox of Novi and formerly of South Lyon, announces the engagement of her daughter, Bobbi Ellen Fox to Nicholas Robert Schwarz, son of Diane and Robert Schwarz of Northville. The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of South Lyon High School and is employed at Knight Enterprises. The groom-elect is a 1996 graduate of Northville High School and is employed as CEO of R & S Heating and Cooling. A September 2008 wedding is planned.

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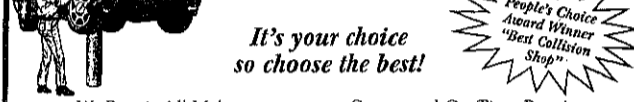
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said, "I'd love it to be a series because I think she's (Lucy) such a great character." Even though it didn't take Dimondy long to write the book, it took about a year before it was picked up by Northville-based Nelson Publishing and Marketing. "I'm very worried, so the book started off 1,900 words," Dimondy said. "It was cut down to half of that. You want to paint a picture, but I learned it was better to show through the illustrations than tell with the words." And thanks to the colorful illustrations by Shaw-Peterson, the colorful illustrations do just that.

The official launch of "Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun" was Aug. 16. The book is available for \$9.95 at Barnes and Noble, Borders, Amazon.com and www.maradisomondy.com. Dimondy will also be holding a book-signing event 9:30 a.m.-noon Saturday at the Lucy store in Twelve Oaks Mall. "The store's philosophy is all about empowering women to be healthy in their lifestyles," Dimondy said, noting the name "Lucy" is just coincidence. Prior to the book signing, Mid American Studio of Farmington Hills is hosting a free yoga and child class at the Novi store. For more information or a list of upcoming events, visit www.maradisomondy.com. (Submitted photo)

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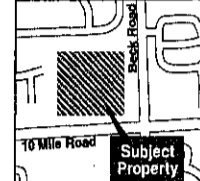
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Residents consider proposed plans for 10 Mile and Beck roads property

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Ten & Beck LLC Property



SOURCE: Ten & Beck LLC

As a resident of Greenwood Oaks subdivision, John Lesko attended a presentation last Thursday evening at the Novi Public Library to see what the future holds for the property at 10 Mile and Beck roads. Prior to submitting plans to the city, Brad Strader, president of LSI Planning Inc. presented residents with four different development options for the 24-acre property on the northwest corner including residential, commercial and residential, and commercial with either active or passive parkland.

"This is intended to be informational, a chance for you to speak," he said to about 15 representatives of neighboring subdivisions. "We are hoping to get some reactions." Lesko, whose wife is on the Greenwood Oaks homeowners association, appreciated the opportunity to see the proposed plans prior to formal site plans being submitted. "It's good to get the input of the people in the area and eliminate some of the problems before going to the city," he said. Three of the options include developing five acres as a neighborhood commercial center, consisting of four buildings with suggested uses such as a pharmacy, stand alone restaurant and commercial retail. "Our plan is to do a first-class neighborhood center," said Rick Rosin, managing member of Ten & Beck, LLC, who owns the property. The computer images of the development rendered ample green space and the use of high-quality materials and design guidelines for the site. "We've owned the property for over 10 years and have considered different development options," said David Goldberg, land development coordinator of Ten & Beck, LLC. "During those 10 years, we've listened to a lot of the concerns the residents have had with developing that corner. We feel the plan addresses their concerns."

For the additional 19 acres, the majority of the residents in attendance seemed to prefer the idea of either active or passive parkland, as opposed to a residential development. "I think we'd all rather see a small, quality commercial development with a significant amount of open space," Goldberg said. The property, which is currently zoned R-1, single-family residential, would be developed with 30-35 lots of homes around \$200,000 if support is not gained for the commercial development. "I don't want to see the residential there and I wouldn't want to see a larger commercial development there. The five acres I think is a nice, small commercial project," Lesko said. "I don't think the residential they could put in there would be acceptable to other subdivisions in the area." The developers are going to schedule a follow up meeting with residents and the neighboring homeowners associations within 30 days, before submitting site plans to the city. As for the 4-acre property on the southeast corner, Rosin and Goldberg said they are currently considering a 13,000-square-foot professional building.

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by Barbara Hayes, P.T.

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Novi bars offer a variety of nightlife action

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Novi has grown into a popular nightlife destination for area residents. And although several restaurants offer alcoholic beverages and bar areas, there are 12 locations that stand out as the bars of Novi.

Two are combination locations. Lucky Strike and the Dirty Martini Lounge include chic club atmosphere and 70s-themed Double Six Lounge at Lucky Strike and Italian restaurant Andiamo and comedy club The Second City at the Dirty Martini.

The other locations are Bar Louie, Buffalo Wild Wings, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Gatsby's, Gus O'Connors Irish Pub, Lakeview Bar & Grill, Library Sports Pub and Grill, The MIXX Lounge, O'Tooles and The Post Bar.

Individual gems

Novi is home to several bars that have made a name for themselves without the aid of neighboring bars or shopping centers. Gatsby's, located on Grand River Avenue next to Paradise Park, offers a traditional bar atmosphere while also sporting large televisions, karaoke and 1980s arcade games.

Lakeview Bar & Grill, located on the southeast corner of 13 Mile and Old Novi roads, sits just across the street from Walled Lake. Although there are no shopping complexes surrounding it and the parking lot of about 20 spots may be indicative of its size, the little bar across from the lake is a good place to meet friends on twilight sets on the lakefront.

"It works out really well for us. We're a nice little neighborhood bar," said Mary Flannigan, manager of Lakeview Bar & Grill.

The 10-year-old bar is located in a building that has been one bar or another since it was built in 1929. Lakeview offers live music with The V from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. every Wednesday and a live band every Saturday.

"We have live music, good food and we use free posters, which is huge," Flannigan said. The two-story fifth Avenue Ballroom offers several pool tables and bars on both floors at a predetermined amount of liquor. Flannigan said Library Sports Pub and Grill is the only other Novi bar she knows of that offers free posters.

Library Sports Pub and Grill, located on Grand River Avenue across from Marty Feldman Chevrolet, is full of televisions and memorabilia like the walls. Acting as a grill during the day and a pub by night, the behind and screened-out rooms give Library Pub a relaxed setting.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Mary Flannigan mixes a margarita for a customer at Novi's Lakeview Bar & Grill on Friday afternoon.

O'Tooles, on Novi Road north of 10 Mile Road, offers a little bit of everything. With a traditional bar setting, patio seating and a few pool tables add to the ambience that includes a sand volleyball court and outdoor dining.

MainStreet

The MainStreet complex, south of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue offers a fit for all ages.

The MIXX Lounge and Dirty Martini each offer a martini bar setting in a small but cozy, atmosphere clad with cushioned booths on either end of the complex.

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For us because it makes us a destination spot. There's quite a bit of shared customers," said Mark Smith, owner of Gus O'Connors. "We all just feed off of each other. All the owners are really nice. We all try to help each other out. We want people to come to MainStreet."

Smith said pizza was recently added to Gus O'Connors' menu and an updated menu with some new items was scheduled to be released last week. The Irish pub, which has been a central staple of the complex for the past five years.

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12 hot spots for Novi nightlife

	BOTTLES	DRAFTS	TOP BEER	TOP MIXED
1. Hart Inn	75	40	Dheron Miller Lite	Mojito Captain & Duke Martini
2. Buffalo Wild Wings	21	20	Blue Moon	Coke
3. Dirty Martini / Andiamo / The Second City	36	0	Blue Moon	Coke
4. Fifth Avenue Ballroom	25	20	Oberon	Rum & Vodka Mixes Captain & Duke
5. Gatsby's	23	6	Bud Light	Vodka & Tonic Captain & Duke Margarita
6. Gus O'Connors Irish Pub	35	13	Guinness	Vodka & Tonic Captain & Duke Margarita
7. Lakeview Bar & Grill	20	4	Miller Lite	Coke
8. Library Sports Pub and Grill	30	16	Oberon	Coke
9. Lucky Strike / MIXX / Double Six Lounge	29	6	Dud Light	Grey Goose & Red Bull
10. The MIXX Lounge	30	10	Bud Light	Martini
11. O'Tooles	60	17	Bud Light	Coke Captain & Duke
12. The Post Bar	30	10	Bud Light	Coke Captain & Duke

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Sources: Bar Louie, Buffalo Wild Wings, Dirty Martini, Fifth Avenue Ballroom, Gatsby's, Gus O'Connors Irish Pub, The MIXX Lounge, Lakeview Bar & Grill, Library Sports Pub and Grill, Lucky Strike, O'Tooles, The Post Bar.

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MY EDUCATION



Love and Logic teaches positive parenting in Novi

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

From the terrible 2s to the tire-some 20s, parenting has its hurdles.

Henry Ford Health System's Greg Oliver is offering help through the "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" program.

Oliver, a psychologist and the program's director, brought the positive-parenting course to southeastern Michigan last year at Southfield and Dearborn.

"We teach parents about giving a problem back to the kid, not jumping in to lecture and punish," Oliver said. "The kid to think how they're going to handle this, sharing control."

The eight-hour course is split between four two-hour Tuesday evening sessions at Henry Ford Health locations in Novi, Dearborn, Troy and Sterling Heights.

The four Novi sessions begin Sept. 9 at Henry Ford Health's Columbus Center campus on 12 Mile Road, west of Haggerty Road.

"Most of the common problems are defiance, disrespect, backtalk and attitude. It's usually about homework and chores," Oliver said. "What we avoid is the traditional punishment where the parent becomes a strict enforcer."

The kids are still held accountable, but the parents aren't seen as the bad guy. The kids learn from the problem and direct anger at the (parent) instead of the parent. The big "not to do" is showing anger, adding drama to the situation."

Oliver said the courses usually last between 10-15 parents each. He said a typical session alternates between lecture, questions, group discussions and viewing film created specifically for the course. As part of the \$75-parent registration fee, parents also receive a workbook complementing the four-week course.

"It's a pretty even mix. Some parents come in that are still pregnant and want to get ready ahead of time. Middle school years are the most common," Oliver said.

"We get a lot of good, positive feedback from the parents about how it's working at home."

He currently teaches the courses in Troy and Sterling Heights, while Gardner teaches in Novi and Rosbury in Dearborn.

With ongoing registration until the courses are filled, Oliver expects the program to continue growing. He said the program is sending three more psychologists to Colorado this year so more classes can be offered by the end of the year.

The Dearborn location will also debut a new course, "Effective Parenting of Toddlers and Preschoolers," Sept. 2 for parents of the younger age groups. The Dearborn location will also offer the "Becoming a Love and Logic Parent" course Oct. 21.

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Three vie for Novi school board seats in November

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Though I still have my passion for students and education, I feel this is the time to step aside and give another community member a chance to give back to the community," Abrams said.

The Novi Board of Education candidate-filing deadline is past and it will be a three-man race for the two open seats this November.

With trustee Julie Abrams, a 17-year veteran of the board, stepping down, incumbent vice president Bruce Bagdadly, a 10-year veteran, will be challenged by Novi Community Education Advisory Council member Dennis O'Connor and Novi Educational Foundation trustee Karl Wozniak.

The Nov. 4 election will fill two positions on the board for a four-year term ending at the conclusion of 2012.

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Greg Oliver, social worker with Behavioral Health Services at Henry Ford Health System, answers questions after a recent Love and Logic presentation.

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Dark patches on the face can be caused by many things, including sun damage, acne scarring, or inflammation. When those dark, grayish-brown patches occur on the cheeks, upper lip and forehead, the condition may be melasma—also known as chloasma.

Millions of women in the United States face the dark patches in the mirror every day, and it's especially prevalent in women of Hispanic, Caribbean and Asian ancestry as well as African-American women. Approximately 80% of Latino women report having these types of dark spots on their faces. It also tends to run in families.

"These dark patches don't make people physically ill, but research shows that the psychological and emotional tolls are another story. Not only does the condition affect how many women feel about themselves, it changes how others see them. A report published in the journal *Evolution and Human Behavior* showed that dark spots on a woman's face are one of the signs that people use to judge her age, and in fact, the presence of spots alone can influence how old a person looks."

"I felt like people thought I was dirty," said Rebecca Brown, 32, a patient diagnosed with melasma. Ms. Brown's condition appeared after a beach vacation in Cancun.

"The longer the dark patches lasted, the more embarrassed I got," Ms. Brown said. "I covered them with makeup, and I cried some of the treatments I found at the supermarket."

"Prescription treatments work differently and are often much more successful," Dr. Cohen said. Two months after she went to her dermatologist, Ms. Brown said her skin was clear.

"I had basically given up hope," she said. "I didn't realize how badly those spots made me feel until they were gone."

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MY NEIGHBORS

Local resident finds serenity through a canoe and paddle

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Doc Fletcher may be the only canoeist who paddles with a digital audio recorder in his pocket. That's because the canoeist is also an author who finds peace and serenity by spending time on Michigan's rivers.

"You hear the birds singing and the wind rustling through the trees," Fletcher said.

A veteran canoeist with more than three decades of experience on the state's waterways, the 20-year resident of Novi has a new book out about his canoeing adventures.

"Weekend Canoeing in Michigan: The Rivers, The Towns, The Taverns," has been published by Arbustus Press in Traverse City and is now available at local bookstores, including Barnes & Noble and Borders. A soundtrack that goes with the book will be produced next year.

Working with Arbustus Press' Susan Bates, he's on contract to write another book on canoeing, "Rivers Less Traveled," to be published in late January.

He even paddled two rivers in one day this month — the Prairie and the Dowagiac. The next day, he canoed the Kalamazoo River in Saugatuck.

"There are actually six rivers you can take out of the town 'Three Rivers,'" he said with a smile. For the second book, he's

scheduled to paddle 20 rivers. He's canoeing the Rouge River with the Friends of the Rouge River on Oct. 25, which should be fun and educational.

"I'm excited about going on the Rouge. I grew up in Detroit, and the Rouge was always the river to me," Fletcher said.

A man and his paddle

His longtime love of canoeing actually began with a trip he missed in 1977.

"I heard fun things about it — great exercise, see the outdoors — and I love the outdoors," Fletcher said.

Then, in June of 1978, he was free to go on a canoe trip, and joined his friends on an adventure on the Pere Marquette in Baldwin.

He was hooked.

"I absolutely love the Pere Marquette River, and this year marked my 26th trip down that river," Fletcher said.

His wife, Maggie Mecker, has also been on many of the trips as well.

Fletcher's favorite stretch is on the Jordan River.

"The first 35 minutes are unbelievable," he said. "It's choppy, fast water, but never unsafe. You just feel good. It's a thrill ride."

Retired from Duracell

Fletcher has even more time to canoe after retiring after a 30-

year career as a Duracell account executive in October 2006, when he took a two-year buyout.

"I decided this would give me the opportunity to get more into canoeing, promote canoeing and the state of Michigan," Fletcher said.

The first book, which focuses on locations with canoe liveries, is for people who don't own their own canoe.

"This book is more for the weekend warriors who just want to get away for a Saturday or Sunday," Fletcher said. The book, which has a lot of photos, explains how to get to the canoe spots, what stretches to take and who to rent canoes from.

"I talk a little about the nearby towns as well," Fletcher said.

Since canoeing is a summer sport, he also mentions the local Detroit Tigers' radio affiliate for each trip, so paddlers can keep track of the game while on the river.

Fletcher loves history as much as he does canoeing, so the book includes brief histories of the nearby towns.

"I look for the colorful characters and the interesting stories," Fletcher said. "There are a lot of references from the logging days of the 1800s and 1890s. What happened during those days really shaped these little towns."

Fletcher added that canoeing isn't really an expensive sport. "You can rent a canoe for

about half the cost of a tank of gas these days," he said. Much along the rivers are inexpensive canoes and hunters.

He plans to write a kids' canoeing book in the future that will feature some of the slower rivers in the state as well as some canoeing techniques and safety tips, although canoeing is a relatively safe sport.

"About the worst thing that can happen is you fall in the water," Fletcher said.

Fletcher has already had several book signings, was interviewed by Jayne Bower of WWJ Radio and was featured in the Aug. 17 travel section of the Chicago Sun Times.

He will also present a video at Michigan State University's Quiet Water Symposium March 7 that focuses on the canoeing industry.

A real canoeing war story

Stories are part of the canoeing experience, and one of the Fletcher's best ones involved the Little Manistee River — one of the most challenging in the state.

On a 1987 trip, three inches of rain fell, which greatly impacted the river.

"We could not control our buns. We lost every paddle, every cooler, some paddles, and we almost lost one canoe and a canoeist," Fletcher said. "His canoe tipped over coming around



Why he's called "Doc"

A lot of people don't know that Doc Fletcher's real name is Jeff. His college buddies gave him the nickname in the 1970s because he used to tutor a lot of his fellow students at Eastern Michigan University. "It just stuck," he said.

He got pinned under some branches and couldn't get any air. But, he finally broke free.

"Our first clue that it would be a difficult stretch was about 200 yards into the river when we saw a family on folding chairs on shore. We said, 'Good morning,' and their greeting back to us was, 'You are going to die.' We soon

Woman High Jumps 3'11" at Local High School Track

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Obscenities scratched on vehicle hood and trunk

An unknown suspect scratched obscenities on the hood and trunk of a dark blue convertible between 9-10 a.m. Aug. 13, reports said.

POLICE BRIEFS

The victim said she parked the vehicle on the south side of Life Time Fitness, on High Point Boulevard, about two rows away from the pool and about three cars away from the main drive. She put the convertible top up and locked the doors.

When she returned to her car she noticed key marks along the driver side, an obscene drawing on the hood, and an offensive word on the trunk of the vehicle, reports said.

According to the woman, she is not having problems with anyone and does not know who would have damaged the vehicle.

slashed on two vehicles in the City of Novi, reports said.

The vehicle parked on Janestowne Road off 10 Mile Road just east of Taft Road, had its spare tire slashed between 1:30-10:30 a.m. Aug. 10.

According to the victim, the white, four-door, Chrysler Sebring had a spare tire on it because the original tire was punctured the night before.

The owner of the vehicle said her son parked the Sebring in the driveway at about 1 a.m. Aug. 9 and at 9:30 a.m. the driver side rear tire was deflated, with a 1-inch puncture in the top of the sidewall.

The victim said it appeared intentional.

The vehicle was taken to the dealership and given a spare tire until a new one was ordered, reports said.

The following evening, the son again parked the vehicle in the driveway and between 1:30-10:30 a.m. an unknown suspect slashed the tire.

According to the report, the victim does not know who is responsible for the damage.

A neighbor said her husband noticed in the middle of the night Aug. 8-9 and observed an unknown vehicle, occupied by three subjects exiting the vicinity of the residence, heading north on Janestowne Road.

The driver side rear tire of a vehicle was slashed while parked in a driveway on Midway Drive, near Nine Mile and Taft roads, between 7:30 p.m. Aug. 10 and 8:15 a.m. Aug. 11, reports said.

Upon observing the tire, the

officer saw a one-and-a-half-inch slash mark in the side wall.

According to the victim, she believes someone may have let the air out of the tires of her mini van the previous night, but never made a police report.

Fence around resident pool damaged

A 5-foot section of an aluminum fence surrounding an in-ground pool of a residence on Sarah Flynn Drive, east of Heck Road and north of 10 Mile Road, was damaged between noon Aug. 3 and 5:30 p.m. Aug. 8, reports said.

According to the report, it appears someone was pulling up on the bottom of the fence and pulled out the support posts, bending and breaking the fence.

The fence, which was very sturdy, would require a large amount of force to pull out the support rails, reports said.

The damage is estimated at \$1,000.

Suspect enters vehicle through broken window

According to a recent police report, between 4-7 p.m. Aug. 10 various items were stolen from a blue Jeep Liberty.

A Kohl's employee said she parked the vehicle on the back, north side of the West Oaks plaza.

At about 7 p.m. a co-worker informed her it was raining outside and the Jeep window was down.

The victim said the driver side, rear power window was not working properly so she left it partially down, but it easily could have been pushed down or fallen on its own.

According to the report, the woman was missing a purple Verizon cellular phone, valued at \$200, shin guards, clothing items, a cooking pot and two wall sconces.

Tires slashed of two separate vehicles

Between 1:30 a.m. Aug. 10 and 8:15 a.m. Aug. 11, tires were

Over the Limit. Under Arrest.

Labor Day crackdown targets drunk drivers statewide

Drunk driving is one of America's deadliest crimes.

In 2006, more than 13,000 people died in highway crashes involving a driver or motorcycle rider with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or higher.

The picture for motorcycle riders is particularly bleak. Forty-one percent of the more than 2,000 motorcycle riders who died in single-vehicle crashes in 2006 had BAC levels of .08 or higher.

The enormity of this problem is why the Novi Police Department announced it will be joining with thousands of other law enforcement and highway safety agencies across the nation this week throughout the

Labor Day holiday to take part in the Over the Limit. Under Arrest, crackdown on impaired driving.

The message is simple — if you are caught driving impaired, you will be arrested.

"Driving with a BAC of .08 or higher is illegal in every state. Yet we continue to see far too many people suffer debilitating injuries and loss of their loved ones as a result of impaired driving," said Novi's Chief of Police David Molloy. "Motorists need to keep in mind alcohol and driving never mix and, if they are over the limit, they will be under arrest."

"Don't get behind the wheel of a vehicle if you've been drinking, even if you plan to only drive a short distance. When you drink and drive, you put yourself, your passengers and everyone else on the road at risk."

This year's effort is supported by 111 participating radio stations advertising to help put everyone on

notice that if they are caught driving impaired, they will be arrested.

In Michigan, a drunk-driving conviction carries with it an assortment of penalties, including costs and fines, increased car insurance rates, legal fees and \$2,000 in driver responsibility fees.

"Drunk-driving costs more than just money. Last year in Michigan, 382 people were killed in impaired crashes, and that is the ultimate price to pay for a bad decision to get behind the wheel intoxicated," said Novi Police Sgt. Terry L. Whitfield. "Last Labor Day weekend, 14 people died in crashes on Michigan's roadways. Four of those fatalities involved alcohol."

During the 2007 Labor Day weekend, which ran from midnight Aug. 30 through midnight Sept. 3, more than 1,000 people were arrested for driving intoxicated on Novi roadways.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Our opinion: Study candidates and issues before November election

This year's general election in November will feature ballots filled with important contests, both at the local and national level.

With our state's economy in the dumps and an entire nation trying of a seemingly endless war, those successful candidates from the president on down will be faced with significant and serious issues and challenges.

And the best way to make sure our political leaders are up to the task is to elect the most qualified men and women for those positions.

Because the political stakes are so high, voters need to put in extra time becoming a truly educated electorate. Voting along party lines or simply going with the incumbent are no longer options.

Incumbents need to be challenged on their past performance and clearly explain why they deserve to keep their job. This is especially true in the state Legislature, where every seat in the House of Representatives is up for election.

There is a wealth of information available about each contested race in every hometown. Voters should study the candidates, and make sure their positions on critical local, regional or national issues is in line with their own beliefs and values.

Local newspapers — including this one — candidate Web sites and voter guides including www.hometownlife.com are all good places to find information about the races.

Thanks to the highly contested presidential races, area clerks are bracing for record turnouts at the polling places. Let's hope voters make the effort to ensure they cast an educated vote.

LETTERS

Novi Library says thanks

We hear a lot about the negative things that young people do. But once again Novi's young people have proved the "experts" wrong.

Despite an unbelievable amount of time reading this summer, and we are so proud of them. The Novi Public Library's 2008 Summer Reading Program was highly successful again this year.

There are many members of our community who supported the Summer Reading Program participants in their accomplishment. We could not have conducted our programs without the help of our 50 teen volunteers.

Many thanks go to the Novi, Northville and Walled Lake school districts, which kindly distributed our program brochures to their schools. Particular thanks also go to the Friends of the Novi Public Library for their ongoing dedication and financial support of our programs.

Finally, we want to thank the moms, dads, grandparents and caregivers who brought their children to the Novi Public Library and encouraged them to read. Without their support, despite the fact that we all know the benefits that accrue to children who read over the summer, our summer reading program would not exist.

We would also like to express our continuing appreciation to the Novi News for their splendid coverage of Novi Library's 2008 Summer Reading Program. We always recognize the value of your support.

Margi Karp-Opferer, Kelly Kolchuk, Suzanne Carpenter, Phyllis Weeks, Diane Schulhoff, Novi Public Library's Youth & Teen Services Department

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



The former Fuerst Farm home is torn down on Tuesday, Aug. 19. By 10 a.m., the only discernible part of the home that remained was a single stone support column, at left, that used to hold up the front porch roof.

Nancy Cassis Lansing Connection: Energy bills must provide sensible standards at reasonable costs

The increasing costs of energy and the need to further Michigan's energy independence as well as find alternative energy sources are pressing issues. The Michigan Legislature must work to encourage private enterprise to pursue renewable energy, and we should reward cost containment efforts.



Nancy Cassis

Two bills in the Legislature are attempting to address our energy concerns. House Bill 5524 amends Public Act 141 of 2000. The measure creates the following: places a 10 percent cap on electric choice; calls for faster implementation of rate changes; establishes a statutory scheme for de-skewing rates (adjusting the rates that businesses and residents pay to more accurately reflect costs).

The Senate passed proposal provides Michigan residents with an income tax credit of \$2 per month to offset any higher electric charges incurred so that citizens do not have to pay for the higher costs of the renewable energy. Energy providers must annually notify customers of the total charges assessed for the month to comply and remind residents they are entitled to an offsetting income tax credit.

The integrated standard will allow electric service providers to either produce or purchase a percentage of the electricity they sell to retail customers in Michigan from combined renewable energy, cleaner energy, or through energy efficiency resources such as compact fluorescent light bulbs, smart meters and other devices by the end of 2015. Under SB 213, some of the cost to residents may be refunded through an income tax credit.

Tom Watkins: End poverty now - ideas do matter

Elections are about ideas. With elections coming at the end of the state and national levels, ideas are pumping out at record speed. Some of the best ideas are associated with the candidates that are not successful and are ultimately not elected.

This is once again the case in this year's presidential race. This is not to say that Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama are devoid of good ideas because they are not. However, like a good fisherman, some of the best ideas do get away.

One big idea that was espoused by Sen. John Edwards was calling for the end of poverty. Hall of fame: Edwards' recent admission that he had an extramarital affair and in his own words, "started to believe that I was special and became increasingly egocentric and narcissistic" proves that even smart people can make bad life choices. It is good he is not the democratic nominee for president, but his bad behavior in this incident does not diminish the cause he championed to end poverty.

About Tom Watkins

Tom Watkins is an education and business consultant in the United States and China. He served as Michigan's State Superintendent of Schools, 2001-05 and State Mental Health Director, 1986-1990.

His initiatives included major new policies in the areas of work, housing, education, including preschool and college and university, debt, savings and family responsibility.

Edwards is a JFK-like challenge declared: "Restoring our moral authority means leading by example and making clear that the hard challenges do not frighten us. There is no better opportunity than the challenge of poverty - the great moral issue of our time."

If you are poor, every obstacle in front of you becomes a mountain that seems impossible to climb. Minor issues to those with resources, like fixing a flat tire or brakes on the car, become debilitating for those without the financial foundation upon which to



Tom Watkins

HOT TICKET: Providence Park Hospital grand opening celebration 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday

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EVENTS

Providence Park Hospital Grand Opening Celebration TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday

LOCATION: Corner of Grand River Avenue and Beck Road. Details: Everyone is invited to attend the grand opening celebration, which includes a community walk, ribbon cutting, farmer's market, health activities tent, The Sige Island Band, trolley rides with popcorn, refreshments and more. Also, behind the scenes hospital tours. Hospital opens for patient care on Sept. 5.

EMU GOLD Alumni Party TIME/DATE: 8:30-10 p.m. Today

LOCATION: 5th Avenue Ballroom, 25750 Novi Road. Details: Join the EMU Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) and friends for a night of live music, networking and fun. A private reception will include music by the Killer Flamings playing hits of the 80s and 90s. The event is \$5 which includes admission to the reception, an appetizer buffet and the band performance. Alumni and friends are welcome.

Second City Comedy Club LOCATION: 42705 Grand River Ave. CONTACT: Box Office (248) 348-4448

Jewels! The Musical DATE: Through Sept. 7 TIME: 8 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; 9 p.m. Fridays; 7 and 9 p.m. Saturdays; and 4 and 8 p.m. Sundays.

Movie in the Park TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday LOCATION: Power Park 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

Details: Come watch "The Incredibles" on an outdoor screen. Games, and fun prior to the movie.

Hollywood Nights Movie Marathon TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Friday until 10 a.m. Saturday

LOCATION: Emagine Theater, Twelve Mile Crossing. Details: This 24-hour event supports children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan. Raising a minimum of \$105.10 in pledges will get you admitted to the theatre for 24-hours of watching your choice of current-run movies, a catered lunch, dinner and continental breakfast, snacks and all the pop and popcorn you can eat. A "Family Pack Special" for a family of four allows parents and two children to arrive on Friday at 5 p.m. and watch two movies, have dinner and enjoy pop and popcorn, all for \$105.10. Individuals ages 13-17 may only participate until 10 p.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Novi High School Wildcat Tasteoff TIME/DATE: 5 p.m. to end of football game

LOCATION: Novi vs. South Lyon Football Game. Details: Participating restaurants include: Ichi Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Pizzeria Maroulos, Famous Dave's, Subway and Cold Stone Creamery. Food also available at the NHS Concession Stand. Christina's Face Painting also included.

Life Story Writing Workshop TIME/DATE: Oct. 2 and 20, Nov. 5 and 17, and Dec. 4 and 15

LOCATION: Novi Public Library, 45245 W. 10 Mile Road. Details: This six-session workshop is for those who wish to reminisce and reflect on their life, and put on paper (scrapbook or journal) their best memories and lessons learned in life. Author and writing coach Rose Tully shows how you can gather and write your favorite memories and events from your life and make a lasting gift to your children and grandchildren. Class size limited to 15. Please register online at www.novilibrary.org or call (248) 349-0720.

Wixom Summer Concert Series TIME: 7-9 p.m. every Thursday

LOCATION: Village Center, Sibley Square Park, across from City Hall. DATE: Tonight - Mass Transit Band (Blues, Stevie Ray and Clapton style)

Party on the Docs Grand Opening TIME/DATE: Noon-6 p.m. Sunday

LOCATION: Meadowbrook Medical Building, 25500 Meadowbrook Road (two blocks north of Grand River Ave.) Details: The new Meadowbrook Medical Center is open for business and celebrating with this free family fun fair and festival. Includes rides, inflatable games for kids, live music, food, prominent NBA and NHL sports figures, Novi police and fire vehicles, classic and performance cars, mini health fair, give-aways, drawings and more. Everything is free.

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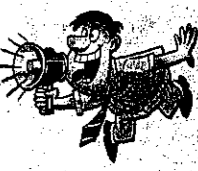
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10 a.m.: Asian Pacific
11 a.m.: Healthy Snacking, Robin Danto
Noon: Lunch
1 p.m.: Bingo
1-3 p.m.: Dance - \$5 at door
1:30-3 p.m.: Computer Lab
Open
Wednesday
9 a.m.: Stretch and Strength
9:15 a.m.: Women's Golf League
10 a.m.: Body Recall
10:30 a.m.: Quilting
11 a.m.: TOPS; Blood Pressure
Noon: Lunch
12:30 p.m.: Club Clogging
6:30 p.m.: Beglnt. Clogging
7:30 p.m.: Club Clogging

Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks Retirement Community
Independent Living Residence; Licensed Assisted Living; Licensed Memory Care
LOCATION: 27475 Huron Circle (adjacent to Twelve Oaks Mall)
CONTACT: (248) 735-1500

Fox Run
LOCATION: 41000 W. 13 Mile Road
DETAILS: More than 800 people live at Fox Run in Novi, an Erickson full-service retirement community that combines a vibrant maintenance-free, active lifestyle with an ever-expanding host of amenities, social activities and wellness and medical centers.
CONTACT: Please call (248) 926-5200 for additional information on the community's apartment homes. For general information, call (248) 668-8610.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Adoptive Parent Networking Meeting
DATE: Last Wednesday of each month
TIME: 10-11 a.m.
LOCATION: Holy Family Catholic Church, 24505 Meadowbrook Road
DETAILS: This informational meeting is open to all adoptive families in Oakland County. There is no charge. Child care is available; registration required.
CONTACT: Lisa Malley (248) 488-0998

Bereavement Support Group
DATE: Third Tuesday of each month
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center; 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: The meeting provides the opportunity for those in grief to share their story and to learn about the phases and tasks of grief. All are welcome; no fee.
CONTACT: Michael M. Meyer, Doctorate of Ministry

Angela Hospice Groups
LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia
DETAILS: Grief support groups include general grief, loss of a spouse, women's grief, parents who have lost a child and a grief support for caregivers. All groups are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers.
CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012

General Grief Support Groups
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., second and fourth Tuesday of month
DETAILS: Open to all losses. Loss of Spouse/Significant Other Support Group
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m., first Tuesday of month
Men in Grief
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m., fourth Monday of month
Suicide Loss Support Services
DETAILS: Individual and family services offered free for those who have lost a loved one through suicide; call (734) 464-7810 for more information.
Heartstrings: Parents Who Have Lost a Child
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m., first Thursday of month
Grief Support Quilter's Group
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., first and third Wednesday of month
DETAILS: Register by calling (734) 953-6012

Neighborhood Babysitting Co-op
DETAILS: Using the co-op, you and your children can make friends and get what you need accomplished without the little ones in tow. Also enjoy a mom's night out and other social events.
CONTACT: jensung@att.net

Breast Cancer Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m.,

Friendship Circle
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m., second Thursday of each month
LOCATION: St. James Catholic Church, 46325 10 Mile Road, between Tait and Beck roads
DETAILS: Social group for all widows and widowers.
CONTACT: Norbert Monson (248) 651-6730, Florence Voight (248) 477-3032, Joy Iovaiti (248) 346-9138 or joyiovaidd@earthlink.net

Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples
TIME/DATE: 7 a.m., second Thursday of each month
LOCATION: Wright's Hat Depot; 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon
DETAILS: This group provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families. Mothers of multiples living in and around the Kensington Valley school conference are all welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 437-5496 for more information.

MOMS Club of Novi East (for Novi moms east of Novi Road)
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m., first Wednesday of every month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: MOMS Club (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes. Multiple activities planned monthly.
CONTACT: khanson13@hotmail.com or (248) 504-7736

MOMS Club of Novi West (for Novi moms west of Novi Road)
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m., first Thursday of each month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: MOMS Club (MOMS) is a non-profit support group for mothers who choose to stay at home with their children or work out of their homes. Multiple activities planned monthly.
CONTACT: jensung@att.net

Breast Cancer Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10-11:30 a.m.,

Second and fourth Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital (Classroom C) Commerce
DETAILS: No registration needed.
CONTACT: (248) 937-5017

Crohn's & Colitis Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m., first and third Wednesday of each month
LOCATION: Providence Park Hospital and Medical Center
DETAILS: Enter facility through southeast entrance. Meeting in Conference Room A, immediately to the left.
CONTACT: Al Biggs (313) 805-7605 or Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (888) 737-2322.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Chapter
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. weight-in and 11:30 a.m. meeting every Wednesday
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Commons, 25075 Meadowbrook Road
DETAILS: \$24 per annual membership; includes hand-book; \$1 per meeting. New members welcome.
CONTACT: Rebecca Boyke (248) 305-8646

HEALTH

St. John Providence Hospital
LOCATION: 47601 Grand River Ave., corner of Beck Road, use Beck Road entrance
Providence Center for the Healing Arts
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Ave.
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455 or email James Tester@stjohn.org
Dinner with a Doctor
DATE: Usually last Thursday of month
DATE: Wednesday, Aug. 27 - Minimally Invasive Robotic Surgery, Dr. Gavini
DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 24 - "Oh My Aching Back!", Dr. Kimpson
TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Conference Rooms A, B and C, Enter from Beck Road and use building's southeast entrance.
CONTACT: Register for free lecture and dinner by calling

(888) 440-7325.
Wanted: One-time Art Workshop Instructors
DETAILS: We are looking for people who have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time workshops.
Colored Pencil Workshop
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., second Tuesday of every month
DETAILS: Beginners welcome.
Ceramics Class
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Thursday
DETAILS: Explore the Art of playing with clay. Express yourself in this three-dimensional art form. \$10 lab fee. Call to verify class times.
Knit'n' Yarns
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., Wednesday
DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need.
Knitting
TIME/DATE: Meditation for individuals or groups by appointment.
DETAILS: Learn proper breathing techniques that can be used at home or on the job to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space; Cancer Center.
Therapeutic Yoga
TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m., Monday - Yoga for Kids with Parents, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Monday - Yoga for Backs; 6-7 p.m., Tuesday - Mixed Level; 7:15-8:30 p.m., Tuesday - Night Light Yoga; 11 a.m.-noon Wednesday - Meditative Yoga; 12:15-1:15 p.m., Wednesday - Mixed Level; 5:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday - Prenatal Yoga; 6:45-7:45 p.m., Thursday - Yoga for Backs; 12:30-1:30 p.m., Friday - Beginner/Intermediate; 9:30-10:30 a.m., Saturday - Mixed Level; 10:45-11:45 a.m., Saturday - Yoga for Backs.
DETAILS: \$10/walk-in, \$80/10-class card, \$45/5-class card. Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week session is \$60. Registration required. Classes also held at Providence Hospital, Southfield. Call for details.
Massage Therapy
TIME/DATE: By appointment
DETAILS: Experience the benefits of massage. Therapeutic massage is effective for stress and tension, chronic fatigue, pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring a phys-

cian's referral. \$50 for one hour session.
Create with Janis
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. - noon each Monday
DETAILS: An opportunity to express yourself artistically in our peaceful and inspirational creative studio. Janis provides guidance in a variety of techniques and projects. \$5 suggested per session.
Explore Art and Color with Darcy
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., the fourth Tuesday of every month
DETAILS: Join volunteer artist Darcel as she guides you in transforming an ordinary block of wood into a multi-dimensional work of art. Cost is \$5 per session.
Look Good...Feel Better
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m., Monday, Sept. 15, Oct. 13, Nov. 10
DETAILS: Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, this is a free program which helps women who are currently undergoing cancer treatment cope with appearance related side effects. Led by a licensed cosmetologist.
CONTACT: Call (248) 465-5466 to register for the program.
"Connections" Artist's Show
TIME/DATE: Show runs 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday, through Aug. 31.
LOCATION: Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, Assarian Cancer Center, Providence Center for the Healing Arts, 47601 Grand River Ave.
DETAILS: Local Artist Jim Quinlan presents "Connections" a colorful exhibit of original paintings from the artist's collection of watercolor and acrylic creations that looks at one man's perspective on life and nature.
Cancer Prevention and Survival Cooking Course
TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m., every Thursday through Sept. 4.
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, second floor Conference Room
DETAILS: This four week course will teach how proper diet can help you prevent and survive cancer. Sponsored by The Cancer Project. Class is free but a suggested donation is \$10 per class. To register, call James Tester at (248) 465-5455.
CONTACT: For information about cancer prevention and survival cooking, visit CancerProject.org or call (202) 244-9338.



Open for Business
Nick Gallagher, left, works the grill at the new Penn Station sub shop on the northeast corner of 10 Mile and Novi roads. The shop's feature product is a Philly cheesesteak sub and fresh cut french fries.

Yoga For Kids
TIME/DATE: 4:45-5:30 p.m., Mondays through Aug. 25
LOCATION: Reflection Space, Assarian Cancer Center
DETAILS: For kids in kindergarten through grade 6. Taught by a certified Yoga instructor. This class is offered for patients, but family, friends, hospital associates, volunteers and the whole community are welcome. Cost is \$26 for four weeks and additional siblings are \$25. Please call (248) 465-5455 to register.
Know Before You Go
CONTACT: Call (248) 465-4488 for a recording of the latest in class changes.

Road Farmington.
DETAILS: Come in for an up-close look at the Southwest Oakland Cable Communication Studios local community television studio.
CONTACT: Melissa Cohn (248) 473-2840

Gardeners of Northville and Novi
Monthly Meeting
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m., second Monday of month, Sept-May
LOCATION: Rotates between Novi Civic Center and the Northville City Hall.
DETAILS: Visitors welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 231-2334 or visit gardenersofnorthville-novi.org
Fall Fairs for Spring Color
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m., Social, 7-9 p.m., Program Monday, Sept. 8
LOCATION: Northville City Hall,

214 W. Main St.
DETAILS: Presented by English Gardens. Public welcome.
CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 349-2352 or visit our website above.

Line Dancing
DATE: Mondays and Fridays
TIME/DATE: 7:30-9:30 p.m., beginners; 9:30-11:30 p.m., intermediate
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: No partner needed; pay-as-you-go. Novi residents \$5, non-residents \$6.

Novi Toastmasters
TIME/DATE: 7-8:45 p.m., first and third Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center Activities Room, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road
DETAILS: Toastmasters will help you improve your communication skills; voice your opinion; polish your presentations and practice leadership.
CONTACT: Amy (248) 752-2800

ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE

46100 Grand River Ave.
CONTACT: Call (248) 949-5600 or visit http://rockfinancialshowplace.com for more information.
My Favorite Bed Show
TIME/DATE: Noon-6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 29; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 30; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 31
DETAILS: Show will feature over 400 bed vendors as well as free bedding workshops throughout the event. Admission is \$6 for adults, ages 15 and under are free. \$5 parking.
Anique Arms Show
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 6, and 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 7
DETAILS: Buy, sell and trade antique arms. Club members get in at 8 a.m. Cost is \$5, ages 12

and under are free. \$5 parking.
American Sewing Expo
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday; 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 26-28. Pre-stow workshops are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 26-27.
DETAILS: Embellish your sewing, quilting, knitting, home decor and fiber art prowess and "sew" much more. Cost is \$12 for adults, ages 16 and under are free with a paying adult. One-hour seminars are \$14, all-day workshops are \$98. Special combination packages available online. Parking \$5. For more information, visit AmericanSewingExpo.com or call (248) 889-3111.

Northville High School Class of 1958
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Country Club
DETAILS: Cost is \$50 and includes dinner. Cash bar.
CONTACT: Ed Wittenberg by e-mail at edwittenberg@hotmail.com by Sept. 1.

South Lyon High School Class of 1993
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m.-midnight, Saturday, Oct. 4
LOCATION: Barnstormer Banquet Center in Whitmore Lake
DETAILS: Tickets are \$55 per person (\$60 if purchased after Sept. 1) and includes dinner and cash bar. To purchase tickets and for more information, please visit www.southlyon93.com, or send a check payable to "South Lyon High School Class of 1993" to Brian Abela, 207 Fox Grove Place, Hummelstown, PA 17036.

Cass Tech Class of 1958
DATE: Oct. 11

DETAILS: For more information, call Isabelle, (313) 882-4620 or go to castech58.com.

REGIONAL

Concert for Lost Voices
TIME/DATE: 4 p.m., Sunday
LOCATION: 9548 Main St. Whitmore Lake (rain location is Whitmore Lake High School)
DETAILS: Josh White, Jr., Kitty Donohoe and Peter "Madcat" Ruth and other roots musicians are donating their music to this concert to benefit programs for incarcerated and at-risk youth. Food by Zingerman's Deli will be for sale. Lost Voices is a not-for-profit group that facilitates roots music writing workshops for youth in institutions. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. They are available online at www.lostvoices.org and at local Whitmore Lake merchants.
CONTACT: lostvoices.org

Master Gardener Class
TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-1 p.m., every Tuesday, Aug. 26-Nov. 18 (except Wednesday, Oct. 21 and 28)
LOCATION: Executive Office Building Conference Center, Oakland County Service Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford
DETAILS: This MSU Extension Oakland County Master Gardener Training Program is a 13 week class which focuses on a different horticultural topic each session. The class will prepare you to fulfill a 40 hour community service commitment to earn Master Gardener Certification. Application fee is \$25 and the class fee is \$300. Application deadline is Aug. 1.
CONTACT: MSUE-Oakland County at (248) 858-0887 for an application or visit msue.msu.edu/oakland

Compunews Drive-In Movies
TIME: 7:30 p.m., gates open; 9 p.m., (dusk) movies begin

DATES: Through Sept. 7
LOCATION: Compuware Arena, 14800 Beck Road, Plymouth
DETAILS: Prices for the drive-in movies are \$9 for ages 13 and older, \$7 for children 4-12, and free for children 3 and under. Students with current school identification are \$7 Sunday through Thursday. Movies can be listened to through the FM radio in their cars. For movie listings, go to compuwarearena.com or call the theatre hotline at (734) 927-3284.

Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra Auditions
DATE: Week of Sept. 13
LOCATION: 220 E. Huron Road, Suite 470, Ann Arbor
DETAILS: The symphony has openings for these positions: Associate Conductor, Section Violin, Section Viola, Principal Oboe, Principal Trumpet and Second Trumpet. Visit the Auditions Page on the web site www.aaso.com for information, including required repertoire. The orchestra performs 11-15 concerts yearly, including mainstage concerts, daytime youth concerts, family concerts and contract services.
CONTACT: For additional questions, e-mail the symphony at auditions@aaso.com. For concert information, call (734) 984-4801

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool
LOCATION: 30303 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia
DETAILS: The preschool is currently enrolling for the 2008-09 school year. Class sessions are available as follows: 9:30-11:30 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday for 4-year olds; 9:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesday and Thursday for 3-year olds. Pottery training is not required. Low cost tuition.
CONTACT: (734) 844-8147 or go to academiopathwayspreschool.com

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Friday, August 22nd
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Saturday, August 23rd
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128 Chelsea Aines
159 Jammie Burling
462 Gary Bishop
533 Paul Edwards
654 Jaclyn Montgomery
720 Facility & Service Solutions
810 Freddie Hutson
859 Cordelia Wray
892 Debbie McMaster
916 Tamika Bey
147 Jennifer Fields
247 Chris Stein
510 Karen Richardson
615 Linda Vasquez
715 Trichia Miller
802 Joseph Stone
831 Jodi Powell
870 Jeff Drahuse
905 Jessica Tobias

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Sunday Celebration 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Service
ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
MATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY ORTHODOX CHURCH
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
FELLOWSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN, ELCA
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH
Sunday 10:00 a.m. Service
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MY FAITH & RELIGION

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FAITH

Meadowbrook Congregational
LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: Rev. Arthur P. Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 349-7757, visit abccc.org or e-mail to office@abccc.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.
Widow's Luncheon
TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28
LOCATION: Farmington Hills Golf Club

Road CONTACT: (248) 427-1175 or churchoftheholycross.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 7:45, 10 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery Care
TIME: 10 a.m. Worship Service
Alzheimer's Support Group
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. second Saturday of month
DETAILS: Offering support and open discussion for all those dealing with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

Church of the Holy Family
LOCATION: 24655 Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holymfamily.com
Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 7:30, 8:45, 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m. Wednesday-Friday, 5 p.m. Saturday
Interested in the Catholic Church?
DETAILS: If you are in search of a deeper relationship with God, and wish to learn more about the Catholic faith, there is an opportunity for you to get answers and information.
CONTACT: Call Maria at (248) 349-8847 or springside001@aol.com
Adoptive Parent Networking
Meeting
TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m. last Wednesday of each month
DETAILS: This free informational meeting is open to all adoptive fami-

First Baptist Church of Novi
LOCATION: 45301 W. 11 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-3847 or firstbaptistchurchofnovi.org
Sunday Schedule
Family Bible Hour: 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship: 11 a.m.
Bible Study: 6 p.m.
Family Movie Night: 5:30 p.m.; fourth Sunday of every month.

Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross
LOCATION: 40700 W. 10 Mile

lies in Oakland County. Child care is available. Registration is required.
Dak Pointe Church
LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit okpointe.org
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.
ReNew Life Ministries
TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. Mondays
DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups that support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. The groups are: Grief/Share, DivorceCare, Anger Management, Dealing with Struggling Teens, YourSpace, Every Man's Battle, Belayed Hearts, Changes that Heal, and CrossCurrent.
CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit okpointe.org.
Crown Financial Ministries

Novi United Methodist
LOCATION: 41671 W. 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or visit unmnoiv.com
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
TIME/DATE: Noon, first Sunday of every month

St. James Catholic
LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday
Mothers Group
TIME/DATE: 9:30-11 a.m. first and third Wednesday every month, Sept. 17-May 20
LOCATION: Parish Hall
DETAILS: Providing mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their faith. Activities include article discussion, crafts and speakers. Childcare available but children also welcome to join moms during meetings. Suggested donation of \$20 is asked to cover activity and childcare costs. Don't have to be a parishioner

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **PLATT PLACE HOTEL AT ROCK FINANCIAL SHOWPLACE, SITE PLAN NUMBER 08-27, FOR A RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN SECTION 15, NORTH OF GRAND RIVER AVENUE, WEST OF TAFT ROAD, IN THE DIST. PLANNED OFFICE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY DISTRICT WITH AN EXH. EXPOSITION OVERLAY.** The subject property is approximately 54.58 acres and the applicant is proposing to construct a 5-story, 132-room Hyatt Place hotel and an expansion of the parking lot on the site of Rock Financial Showplace.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments must be received by the Planning Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 27, 2008.
Published August 21, 2008
NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION
ANDREW GUTMAN, SECRETARY

TIME: During regular service hours
DETAILS: Learn God's practical financial principles for everyday life.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Road to consider:
Case No. 08-028 Filed by VillageWood Condominiums LLC located at Haggerty Road and Karlar Lane
Reconsideration
VillageWood Place Condominiums LLC is requesting one sign variance for the continued placement of a fifteen square foot real estate marketing sign measuring six feet in height for VillageWood Place. The property is zoned RM-1 and is located on Karlar Lane west of Haggerty Road between Nine and Ten Mile Roads. Sign variance originally approved in ZBA04-092 for one year, extended for one year in ZBA05-107 and extended once again in ZBA07-007 for one year.
Case No. 08-048 Filed for 2215 Old Novi Road
Petitioner is requesting a variance to the required 20 foot front parking setback standard for the proposed Abode Salon to be located at 2215 Old Novi Road. Property is zoned B-3 and is located east of Old Novi Road and south of Mainwright Street.
Case No. 08-049 Filed for 25300 Beck Road
Petitioner is requesting one 5.2 foot rear yard setback variance for the construction of a proposed addition to an existing home located at 25300 Beck Road. Property is zoned R-4 and is located east of Beck Road and south of Eleven Mile Road.
Case No. 08-050 Filed by Signature Associates for 43223 Twelve Mile Road
Signature Associates is requesting one variance to allow an additional 16 square foot real estate leasing sign to be located along the business entryway of the Twelve Oaks Mall ring road for the Hagopian building located at 43223 Twelve Mile Road. Petitioner has an approved real estate leasing sign for this property along Twelve Mile Road. Property is zoned R-4 and is located south of Twelve Mile Road and east of Novi Road.

REQUIRED FRONT PARKING SETBACK	20 FEET
PROPOSED FRONT PARKING SETBACK	0 FEET
VARIANCE REQUESTED	20 FEET
REQUIRED REAR YARD SETBACK	35 FEET
PROPOSED REAR YARD SETBACK	27 FEET
VARIANCE REQUESTED	8 FEET
REQUIRED MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACK	10 FEET
PROPOSED MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACK	9 FEET
VARIANCE REQUESTED	1 FOOT
REQUIRED AGGREGATE SIDE YARD SETBACK	25 FEET
PROPOSED AGGREGATE SIDE YARD SETBACK	19 FEET
VARIANCE REQUESTED	6 FEET
MAXIMUM TOTAL LOT COVERAGE	25%
PROPOSED TOTAL LOT COVERAGE	32%
VARIANCE REQUESTED	7%

Case No. 08-051 Filed for 1181 West Lake Road
Petitioner is requesting five variances for the construction of a proposed addition to an existing home and the construction of a proposed detached garage to be located at 1181 West Lake Drive. In addition, the Petitioner is also requesting a variance to allow an accessory structure to be located in a front yard. Property is zoned R-4 and is located east of West Lake Drive and north of Northhaven Street.
REQUIRED REAR YARD SETBACK 35 FEET
PROPOSED REAR YARD SETBACK 27 FEET
VARIANCE REQUESTED 8 FEET
REQUIRED MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACK 10 FEET
PROPOSED MINIMUM SIDE YARD SETBACK 9 FEET
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VARIANCE REQUESTED 7%
(8-21-08 NN 428789) (8-21-08 NN 428789)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 08-81-23

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE NOV CITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 08-81-23, an amendment to the Novi Code of Ordinances, Chapter 33, "Traffic and Motor Vehicles", Section 33-42, "Handicapped Person" and Section 33-43, "Parking Prohibited in Specified Places" in order to update language and definitions.
The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, August 11, 2008 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.
MARYANNE CORNELIUS
CITY CLERK
(8-21-08 NN 428749)

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CSCD dancers will perform in the Town Square
Plymouth Chili Cook Off
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Sunday, October 5, 1:15-1:45 p.m.
CSCD dancers will perform a variety of dances
Register Now for Fall Classes!
Classes begin Thursday, Sept. 4
Call the studio or visit our website for more info
Convention Crew Class Auditions
FINAL AUDITIONS: Thursday, Aug. 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Dancers & Models Needed!
ages 6 - teen to perform at the
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a charity event to benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan - Festival of Trees
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Visit www.dancingcenterstage.com for our current class schedule & more info on auditions

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Graduates prepare for life at college, living with others

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Now that high school is done, college begins for many of Novi's most recent graduates. The next step in the lives of these young adults brings a mixture of excitement and nervousness to the forefront.
"I expect it to be a difficult transition," wrote writer Lillian Xiao, a 2008 Novi High graduate and no preference freshman at the University of Michigan. "The lifestyle, too. I'll be out and about all the time instead of just at home. Living in the residence halls, I don't know how that's going to be. I'm going to try to keep up with schoolwork and meet new people."
"I'm a really messy person, so that's going to be a challenge. If no one tells me, I won't do a lot of stuff."
Xiao moves into her Ann Arbor dorm room Wednesday with 2007 Novi High School graduate Margaret Bolchof.



Novi High graduate Lillian Xiao is packing her stuff and moving into a dorm at the University of Michigan.

"Since I know her, I think it'll make the experience a lot better," Xiao said. "We're opposites. She's neat and organized. We'll compliment each other."
Secondary education freshman Lauren McCloskey, a 2008 Novi High School graduate, wasn't sure what to expect when she moved into her dorm room yesterday at Michigan State University in East Lansing. She's rooming blind with a girl from Florida.

"I'm excited. I'm a little bit nervous to meet my roommate," McCloskey said of meeting her out-of-state bunkmate.
Maybeth Shively, a 2008 Novi High School graduate, will be the out-of-stater today when she moves into her dorm room at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz.
"I'm nervous about living with someone I've never met," Shively said. "The biosciences freshman said, 'I'm excited and scared at the same time. It's hittersweet.'"
Aside from her three siblings, she lives and works within 15 minutes of campus. Shively will only have one other person in her room. She'll be rooming with a fellow freshman Mallory Wittmar, a former Novi student who transferred to Hamilton High School in Chandler, Ariz. for her senior year.

"I was really upset this past weekend, but now I'm really excited," Shively said Monday. "I'm excited to be independent and meet new people."
All three recent graduates said the new living situation was their biggest concern, as they are ready to step up to the plate with what they expect to be tougher, but more interesting, courses and class work.
"I expect it to be a lot more interesting than the stuff we did in high school," Xiao said.
"I have to give up my car."
Mental adjustment
Dr. Todd Sevig, director of Counseling and Psychological Services at the University of Michigan, said the transition into college can sometimes take more than the first few weeks, as it is a monumental step through life.
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ly real issue. Some of it takes time. It's one of the biggest changes in life. Some people go through quickly, others take longer," Sevig said. "Some of the issues that come up is, 'Gee, this is different than what I thought it was going to be,' and that causes stress."
He said the biggest issues, freshmen, and most college students, experience are planning and time management.
"The best thing is to be aware of a different approach to time management and stress management. The balance points of work and play are different than in high school. You may have to study a lot more, but that doesn't mean you have to sacrifice all of play," Sevig said. "The planning for a whole semester worth of work rather than just a week at a time is the biggest switch."
A joint study by The Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA and the Policy Center on the First Year of College at Brevard College found financial needs and social relationships with those both nearby and back home are some of the largest stresses on students other than time management between social and academic lives.
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Getting acclimated to college

- Top transitional problems**
1. Paying for college - Students are paying more of their bills for college than past generations and the costs to attend are also more than in years past.
 2. Feeling overwhelmed - Too many classes and too much homework can sometimes cause feelings of depression.
 3. Being lonely/homesick - Getting adjusted to a new environment leaves some students craving the familiar feel of things back home.
 4. Meeting new people - Limiting friendships to only those from your hometown can hinder the experience of meeting people from other places. Living in the dorms gives people frequent communication and helps create new friendships.
 5. Adjusting to the social scene - The amount of freedom a college student may have can be overwhelming if unlearned. Self-control and self-discipline are important in taking care of yourself and your interests.
 6. Balancing social and academic demand - The combination of worries numbered two and five can cause more problems. There may not seem to be enough hours in the day to get everything done and have fun, which is why personal time management becomes an important factor. Don't let social events interfere with your academic ability.

Top ways parents can help

1. Listen to their concerns - Talking with your child about their worries, concerns or stresses before and during the transitional phase is important. It gives them a familiar, all-home sense while also allowing them to follow through and make a decision of their own.
2. Teach life skills - Knowing how to do laundry, cook and stay organized are important lessons that may take longer to learn on their own than if they are taught at home in advance.
3. Talk about financial issues - Teaching students how to set a budget and plan for student deadlines is important. The better your child can do this, the more time they can spend enjoying the academic and social aspects of college, rather than worrying about money.
4. Cut the cord before college - Give them some responsibility and independence before they go. Early curfews and other limitations now can make the freedom seem like a defiant act later, that they enjoy, but at not used to. By allowing some independence, your child can learn on their own and decide what is best for themselves.
5. Negotiate communication and visitation expectations - Don't cut the cord of having a child. Make sure to keep in touch with some-what regular phone calls or e-mails, whether it be once a day or once a week. Keep up to date on their lives and assure them that they still have a place in your head and heart back home.

Important dates for Novi High School

- Aug. 21 - Registration for sophomores: A-K 8-10:30 a.m., L-Z 11:15 a.m.-1:45 p.m.
 - Aug. 22 - Registration for freshmen: A-K 8-10:30 a.m., L-Z 11:15 a.m.-1:45 p.m.
 - Aug. 25 - Make-up registration: All 8-10:30 a.m. only
 - Sept. 2 - First day of school
 - Sept. 10 - Curriculum Night/Open House
- Stand. Christina's Face Painting will join us again this year.
For more information, contact Lynda Favorite at lyndafav@aol.com or Kara Mandaville at yoga3@aol.com.
- Register now for the Novi Community Schools C.A.R.E. program for Infants and Toddlers aged 3 months to 32 months. This program is located at Novi High School in our new Infant-Toddler child care room. Our staff is well experienced and activities are age appropriate for the development of the students.
- Hours of operation are 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Registration packets with fees and scheduling information can be found on our Web site at www.novi.k12.mi.us under Community Education/C.A.R.E. or call (248) 449-1713. For more information contact Judy Pahl at (248) 449-1714.

Novi High School Wildcat Tastefest
Back by popular demand, the Novi High School Wildcat Tastefest will be held Friday, September 26 during the Novi versus South Lyon Football Game. The Tastefest starts at 5 p.m. and runs until the end of the game. Participating restaurants include: bd's Mongolian Grill, Buffalo Wild Wings, Pizza Marvelous, Famous Dave's, Subway and Cold Stone Creamery. Food will also be available at the NHS Concession

NEWSMAKERS
University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Elizabeth Ann Morris of Novi graduated from the graduate college of the University at 5 p.m. in Nebraska-Lincoln with an educational specialist degree.
Department of the Navy
Navy Lt. Megan S. Jones, daughter of Bruce and Kei Saylor of Wolverine Lake, recently reported for duty at Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, Fla. Jones is a 1992 graduate of Novi High School and joined the Navy in April 2000.

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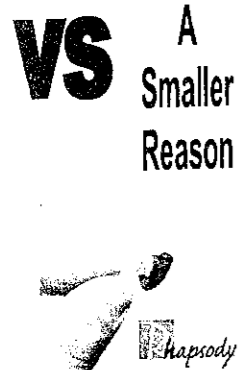
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Sizzling Series closes
The City of Novi Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department hosts the last event of the Sizzling Summer Arts Series with a 7 p.m. Saturday movie event at Power Park, 43715 W. 10 Mile Road. After conducting a people's choice competition, the winning movie "The Incredibles" will be shown free to the public on a 15-foot inflatable screen. Games, crafts and other activities will be a part of the family fun.

My Novi, briefly will be a part of the family fun.

Providence grand opening
Providence Park Hospital will be hosting a grand-opening celebration 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the Grand

Pantry expands services
Hospitality House food pantry will celebrate the grand opening of expanded facilities with an ice cream social from noon-3 p.m. Sept. 7, 1600 W. West Maple. The public is invited to enjoy ice cream and take a tour of the pantry, improved client service areas and view a mural designed and painted by honor students from Walled Lake Central High School.

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Wildcats enter Big Boy Division



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi's Garrett Gauruder, left, goes up high for a header in the Wildcats' season opener last year against Milford.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Wildcat Carson Crandell tracks down a ball during a match last season.

Swinging for a new crown

Rival Northville to be main competition in Central Div.

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Novi has won the KVC the last three years, and either Novi or Brighton had won the title the last 13 years.

But things will take a change this year as Novi and Brighton are in "different" conferences of the KLAA.

The biggest competition in the new league should come from Northville.

"Northville is always a quality team year in and year out," said Jim Hanson, beginning his 14th season as head coach. "Our division is the toughest division (in

the KLAA.)"

The Wildcats bring a team loaded with experience as 13 of the 14 positions could come from returnees.

The early season lineup has Mani Mahadevan returning to the top singles spot. He is getting a push from Ryan Bell.

"I feel confident with either guy at the top spot," Hanson said.

Joining the singles ranks are Carson Crandell at No. 3 and Vishnu Venugopal at No. 4.

Goutham Kondapi will move from singles to No. 1 doubles

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Northville, Stevenson in Central

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Winning the inaugural Central Division soccer title will be comparable to winning a regional title.

While the KVC has been combined with the WLAA to form the new Kensington Lakes Activities Association, the best from both leagues fall into Novi's division.

Novi was KVC co-champs with South Lyon last year. They are now Central Division mates. Joining them are Northville (state semifinalists last year) and former WLAA and state powerhouse Stevenson.

Rounding out the division is South Lyon East and Salem.

"We have a good team, but we are in a great league, perhaps the best in Michigan," Novi head coach Brian O'Leary said. "Our non-league schedule is also very competitive. So I don't really know what to expect."

"If I had to guess I would say that all the teams in our league can expect some ups and some downs and how you react to those could be the key to the season."

Winning the division is the only way a team can win a conference title. Once the division races are over, the No. 1 seeds will play each other for the Kensington Conference title.

See SOCCER, 2B

Soccer Schedule

Aug. 22	Brighton	Home	7 p.m.
Aug. 25	Canton	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 2	S. Lyon East	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 4	Northville	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 9	Salem	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 11	Liv. Stevenson	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	South Lyon	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	S. Lyon East	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 23	Northville	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	Salem	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	Liv. Stevenson	Away	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	South Lyon	Away	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	Conf. Champ	Home	7 p.m.
Oct. 8	League Champ	Home	7 p.m.
Oct. 10	Plymouth	Home	5:30

Tennis Schedule

Aug. 26	Port Huron N. Invite	Away	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 8	S. Lyon East	Away	4 p.m.
Sept. 8	Greenhills	Home	4 p.m.
Sept. 10	Northville	Home	4 p.m.
Sept. 12	Salem	Away	4 p.m.
Sept. 13	W. Bloomfield Invite	Away	8 a.m.
Sept. 15	Liv. Stevenson	Home	4 p.m.
Sept. 17	South Lyon	Home	4 p.m.
Sept. 19	S. Lyon East	Home	4 p.m.
Sept. 20	AA Pioneer Invite	Away	8 a.m.
Sept. 22	Northville	Away	4 p.m.
Sept. 24	Salem	Home	4 p.m.
Sept. 26	Liv. Stevenson	Away	4 p.m.
Sept. 27	Novi Invite	Home	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 29	South Lyon	Away	4 p.m.
Oct. 4	Conference Champ	Home	TBA



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Novi News

Novi cross country runners jog along the Cass Benton trail in a time trial against Livonia Churchill.

Running against new opponents

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Traditions are big with Novi cross country. The Wildcat runners take pride in passing the torch from one great class to another.

Evidence may be found with several graduated runners from Novi's storied past continuing to run with the current team in early-season practices.

But last year's team was not able to make the state meet, something that had been a staple in the past.

The Wildcats lost a pair of top runners from last year's team, but

they return a host of others that will try to keep Novi mentioned as one of the top teams in the state.

Returnees Mike Blaszczyk (captain), Jake Carless (captain), TJ Butler (captain), Lucas Barnes and Dan Egner lead a host of runners that will try to get the Wildcats back to the elite race of the year. Andrew Burkhardt is the fourth captain.

"I haven't been this excited in a long, long time," said Robert Smith as he begins his 28th year as head coach. "Barnes ran in the state meet as a freshman. All the other guys have been on a team that has been on a team that has

Cross Country

Aug. 23	South Lyon Invite	Away	9:30 a.m.
Sept. 9	S. Lyon East	Away	4 p.m.
Sept. 12	Spartan Invite	MSU	TBA
Sept. 13	WL Western Invite	Wills Park	9 a.m.
Sept. 16	Northville	Home	5 p.m.
Sept. 19	Anchor Bay Invite (boys only)	Away	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Salem	Away	4:25 p.m.
Sept. 30	Liv. Stevenson	Home	4:25 p.m.
Oct. 4	Oak County at Kensington - Possom Hollow	TBA	6:10 p.m.
Oct. 7	South Lyon	Home	6:10 p.m.
Oct. 11	Gabriel Rich. Invite (girls only)	Away	1 p.m.
Oct. 14	KLAA Central	Away	4 p.m.
Oct. 18	KLAA Conference	Away	10 a.m.
Oct. 25	Regional	TBA	TBA
Nov. 1	States	Mich. Int. Speedway	TBA

been as high as second in the state. They know what it feels like and tastes like.

"That experience is huge. We're banking on that to carry us over."

The breakout of the new league puts Novi in the Kensington Conference, away from former

KVC and state powerhouses Pinckney (state champs) and Milford (sixth at state).

But that doesn't mean anything is going to come easy for them.

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'Cats find new home in WLAA Central Division

By Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITER

Novi golfers made a solid run to second place in the KVC last year, posting a 6-1 record in duals. The team loses Dana Czekaj and Kelsey Brandemuhl, but returns four in Natalie Krick, Alex Palmer, Brook Collins and Stephanie Hjt. Head Coach Deb Harris hopes the team can improve from last year, entering a division with highly-ranked Northville. Harris wants her team to finish third or higher in the inaugural KLAAs, but she has some other goals in mind.

Girls Golf

Aug. 13	Traverse City Tour.	Away	TBA
Aug. 14	Traverse City Tour.	Away	TBA
Aug. 18	Milford Invite	Away	TBA
Sept. 12	S. Lyon East	Away	3 p.m.
Sept. 15	Northville	Home	3 p.m.
Sept. 17	Salem	Away	3 p.m.
Sept. 19	Lv. Stevenson	Home	3 p.m.
Sept. 20	Grasse Ile Invite	Away	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	South Lyon	Home	3 p.m.
Sept. 24	Oak County Tour.	Away	TBA
Sept. 26	Northville	Away	3 p.m.
Sept. 29	Salem	Home	3 p.m.
Oct. 1	Lv. Stevenson	Away	3 p.m.
Oct. 3	South Lyon	Away	3 p.m.
Oct. 7	KLAA Conl.	Away	TBA
Oct. 9	Regional	Away	TBA



Natalie Krick lines up a putt in a game against Lakeland last season. Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NOV NEWS

Having Natalie Krick get some All-State recognition, said Harris, beginning her 17th season as head coach. "To develop the younger players for the future and the end of this season and to break a team school record." Some of the newcomers that could make an impact this year include Megan Henry (sophomore), Kelli Timar (freshman), Alyssa Miller (sophomore), Morgan Adams (junior) and Kathleen Korman (freshman). Heading into the new league, the schedule gets quite a tweak

as schools will play more nine-hole matches, which will cut down on travel, but will also keep the teams out of more tournaments. Harris knows a lot of the faces will be different this year. "It's a loss of a long-time relationship with the old schools from the KVC," she said. "We won't see many of those teams except at regionals and some tournaments."

BY THE NUMBERS

COACH: Deb Harris, 17th year
LAST YEAR: Second in KVC, 6-1 in duals
KEY RETURNNEES: Natalie Krick, Alex Palmer, Brook Collins, Stephanie Hjt.

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Benefit race at Maybury

Submitted to the Novi News

Yes, it is that time of the year again. The MetroSouth Chapter of the Michigan Mountain Biking Association is hosting its annual benefit race at Maybury State Park in Northville.

For those who don't know about this annual event, it is a great way to have fun, test your skills and raise money to keep improving all of the trails in the MetroSouth chapter. All the proceeds from the race go directly toward the trails.

The event is Saturday and this year's race is a time trial format. The one lap race is basically a sprint against the clock. Riders will leave the starting gate every 30 seconds starting at 9:30 a.m. Racers will be given the exact start time the night before and at registration. To pre-register, please go to the following link.

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The course

The MetroSouth chapter is again using 99 percent of the normal mountain bike trails. It will also be adding trails that are not normal parts of the trail system, and fast open passing zones. The course is 8.5-9.0 miles (exact mileage is being determined).

Awards

The chapter will be placing



Northville's Joe Lekovich rides on a Maybury State Park mountain bike course. Photo by Hans Nyberg/Ten Mile Media

three deep in each class and age group with the awards. As well as awarding cash payouts, for the best time of each class (i.e. elite men, expert men and women, sport men and women and beginner men and women). Payout amounts are still to be determined.

Other Activities

- The Food Court will be open again to keep everyone fed and happy.
- Team Row for teams that would like to set up an easy-up tent (please e-mail me and we'll make sure to reserve a space)

BY THE NUMBERS

COACH: Jim Hanson, 14th year
LAST YEAR: 11-1, regional champs, sixth at state
KEY RETURNNEES: 11 back from last year's team

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SOCCER

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The Wildcats will be without top scorer Nate Robinson (playing at U-Cincinnati), but the cupboards are far from bare. Novi returns seven starters and 12 seniors.

Returning seniors include Garrett Gauruder (captain, midfielder), Miles Reichley (forward), Roland Razburgaj (forward), Max Wujczyk (defender), Bobby Laski (captain, defender) and Dan Kilger (captain, defender).

"Our strengths would be our varsity experience and our combination of size and skill," said O'Leary, entering his 13th year as head coach. O'Leary said scoring will come from a combination of players, and not having one big goal scorer can be a good thing.

"If you are going to rely on one person, pretty much every high school team had a defender that can step one player," he said.

Also back is the galloping tandem of Craig Demshuk and Tom Duquette. They will alternate

BY THE NUMBERS

COACH: Brian O'Leary, 13th year
LAST YEAR: 14-3-3, KVC co champs
KEY RETURNNEES: Garrett Gauruder, Miles Reichley, Roland Razburgaj, Max Wujczyk, Bobby Laski, Dan Kilger

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X-Country

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Standing in the way of a division title will be rival Northville.

"Last year, Northville really kicked it up a notch last year," Smith said. "We've been running with Northville for 30 years. We've really enjoyed the rivalry. The Northville program is very similar to ours."

Also in the new division is former KVC foe South Lyon along with Salem, Stevenson and new school South Lyon East.

"I'm pleased with how the kids have worked on their games since last year," he said. "We're looking forward to a good year."

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BY THE NUMBERS

COACH: Robert Smith, 28th year
LAST YEAR: 5-2 in duals, won four invites
KEY RETURNNEES: Mike Blaszyk, Jake Carliss, TJ Butler, Lucas Barnes, Dan Egner

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Tennis

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and partner with Aneya Sobani.

But Hanson said the lineup is not set in stone.

"With 17 kids and only being able to play 14, there will be changes just about every match," he said. "The keys for us would be

experience and depth.

"On paper, it's one of the best teams we've ever had here at Novi. How they play will determine whether they go down as the best or not."

While Hanson always says his main goal is to have fun on the court, he hopes to bring to the KLAAs what they've been doing in the KVC — winning.

His goals include winning the

division and conference crowns before qualifying for the state meet and trying to improve on last year's sixth-place finish.

"I'm pleased with how the kids have worked on their games since last year," he said. "We're looking forward to a good year."

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Sports Shorts

Novi wins soccer opener

The Wildcats opened the season with a 2-1 victory at home Monday.

Novi got on the board four minutes in, when Jon Bauer sent home a cross from Miles Reichley.

The second goal came in the second half when Doug McGinn sent Chas Jaborn in for a break-away goal.

Dan Kilger saved a ball off the goal line in the final minute to help preserve the win.

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All future seventh or eighth grade Novi Middle School students interested in playing football this fall should plan on practicing from 2:15-4:30 p.m. from Aug. 26-29 at the middle school. Athletes must have a physical to

Novi Heat tryouts

The Novi Heat Travel Baseball Club will be holding tryouts for the 2009 season from 9-11 a.m. Aug. 23. Rain dates are Sunday, Aug. 17 and Sunday, Aug. 24 from 9-11:00 a.m. The tryouts will be held at TTC-NOVI Community Sports Park on Eight Mile and Napier roads.

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An adult flag-touch football league will begin in Royal Oak. Games will be Monday-Wednesday in September and October. Cost is \$400 a team. The last day to sign up is Aug. 31. For more information, call Todd at (248) 246-3180.

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Once waffles have cooled to room temperature, place 1 ice cream bar on 1 waffle and remove wooden stick. Using butter knife, gently spread ice cream evenly across waffle. Arrange 1/4 cup strawberries over ice cream, and place 1 waffle on top of strawberries and ice cream to form a sandwich. Repeat with remaining 2 waffles, ice cream bar, and 1/4 cup strawberries. Cut both sandwiches in half and serve immediately.

Good Idea: Play around with different flavors for your ice cream sandwiches. Use different flavors of Weight Watchers Giant Ice cream bars and pair them with your favorite fruits or berries. For example, try Weight Watchers Giant Chocolate Fudge Bar with sliced bananas.

Per serving (1/2 sandwich): 150 Calories, 3.5 g Fat, 1 g Saturated Fat, 0 g Trans Fat, 0 mg Cholesterol, 270 mg Sodium, 29 g Carbohydrate, 4 g Fiber, 4 g Protein, 6% Calcium. POINTS value: 2.

Ice Cream Sandwich Fruit Tarte

Prep: 8 minutes
Serves 2

- 1 Weight Watchers Round Vanilla Ice Cream Sandwich
- 3 medium strawberries, hulled and halved
- 1 medium peach, thinly sliced
- 1 medium kiwifruit, peeled and diced

Slice ice cream sandwich in half through ice cream so each half has a chocolate bottom. (For easier slicing, hold a sharp knife under hot running water for 30 seconds before cutting the ice cream sandwich in half.) Place on two plates, chocolate sides down. Divide strawberries, peaches and kiwi on top of each ice cream sandwich half and serve.

Per serving (1/2 sandwich): 150 Calories, 3.5 g Fat, 1 g Saturated Fat, 0 g Trans Fat, 0 mg Cholesterol, 270 mg Sodium, 29 g Carbohydrate, 4 g Fiber, 4 g Protein, 6% Calcium. POINTS value: 2.

Chocolate Latte Milk Shakes

Prep: 10 minutes
Serves 6 (1 cup per serving)

- 4 Weight Watchers Giant Latte Bars
- 4 Weight Watchers Giant Chocolate Fudge Bars
- 1 cup fat-free milk
- 12 ice cubes
- 2 bananas

Remove wooden sticks from all ice-cream bars. Combine all ingredients in blender and puree on high power until mixture is smooth and creamy, 2 to 4 minutes. Pour equal amounts into glasses and serve immediately.

The new Giant Latte Bar is a rich, coffee-flavored low-fat ice cream bar with only 90 calories, 1 gram of fat and 4 grams of fiber. Each serving has a POINTS value of 1.

Try It: Entertaining during cocktail hour? Give your milk shakes an extra kick by adding a splash of Kahlua or Godiva, but be sure to factor in the POINTS value.

Per serving (1 cup): 180 Calories, 1.5 g Fat, 0.5 g Saturated Fat, 0 g Trans Fat, 5 mg Cholesterol, 105 mg Sodium, 42 g Carbohydrate, 7 g Fiber, 6 g Protein, 25% Calcium. POINTS value: 3.

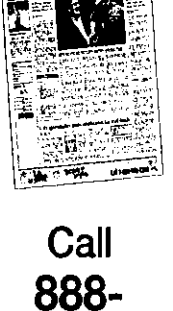
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Dance More ... Pay Less

American Dance Academy has a spot just for you

By Kristina Drake
SPECIAL WRITER

Dance More... Pay Less! is the motto this year for the American Dance Academy. The economy has taken its toll on everyone in some way. Unfortunately, additional opportunities that all children need and enjoy can be out of reach in these difficult times. In response, the Academy has created specialized packages to alleviate the stresses involved in affording classes in the performing arts.

Since 1977, young people of Metro Detroit have turned to the American Dance Academy for education in dance, personal growth, and to achieve their goals in the performing arts. In return, the school has devoted itself to supporting the community and giving each student an opportunity to be in the spotlight.

The American Dance Academy always goes the extra mile to help young people achieve their goals. For those who cannot afford a dance education, the Academy works with local youth enrichment and youth assistance programs. In honor of our military families, special discounts are given to the children of parents currently serving active duty in the armed forces.

The care for the community stretches beyond helping young people in need. The American Dance Academy also extends itself to the community and supports the schools.

A.D.A. faculty assists with the productions of the High School musical theater. They also contribute to charities and local schools by providing entertainment. Last year, The American Dance Academy presented "Making Spirits Bright," a holiday benefit concert for children's shelters while collecting items for Toys for Tots.

All of these community projects are a part of the American Dance Academy's overall philosophy that every child should have the opportunity to participate in the performing arts. Special emphasis is placed on skill, teamwork, and dedication. Every experience is a learning experience, which Melva, the Academy director, believes is the key to success.

Learning the various disciplines of dance is very important to any performer. The American Dance Academy offers a complete schedule of classes for boys and girls as young as three years through any adult age. Classes are hosted in a beautiful state-of-the-art facility in South Lyon.

Among the many classes offered at the Academy, there are classes designed specifically for very young children. Tiny Tots and Pre-Dance classes are aimed at the young beginner, and this curriculum is continued into Kinder-Dance, which allows students to enjoy a combination of ballet, tap, and jazz before moving into individual classes. A new program, "KinderMusik" is available for little ones interested in music and movement.

New this year, will be a **FREE CLASS for 2 year olds in CREATIVE MOVEMENT** while the moms get a break working out in the latest fitness — Zumba!, a latin-salsa style aerobic class that's great fun while getting



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Boys have multiple learning opportunities at the American Dance Academy in South Lyon.

physically fit.

Classical ballet technique is taught in two methods: Cecchetti and Russian. The Little Ballet Theatre and Ballet Nouveau Company, a non-profit ballet/modern company, is open to dancers starting at age six thru adult. The ballet companies will host a dance concert in the spring with a special dress-up, Teddy Bear Tea Reception for the Little Ballet Theatre and an Afterglow Reception for the Ballet Nouveau Company.

Jazz, tap, hip-hop, acrobatics, and traditional Hawaiian and Polynesian classes are offered as well. Hip-hop classes have grown to be a favorite in the world of dance, and this year, A.D.A. is presenting its new Hip-Hop Competition Team for those with a love of performance and competition. Acrobatics, or floor tumbling classes, complement any dancer's education with the benefits of added strength, coordination, and balance.

In addition to dance classes, the school also offers theatrical training including voice and acting. "Theatre and dance go together," said Melva, the dance studio director.

Students have the opportunity to excel in many different types of dance, build fitness levels, and enjoy performing at the Academy's productions each year.

Adults are not forgotten at the Academy — there are classes in ballet, tap, Pilates, and yoga designed specifically for adults. New this year, the Academy will be offering, "Dancing with the Stars," a specialized six-week session for couples is being offered just in time for holiday parties. Private couples lessons are available for brides and grooms to prepare for their special wedding dance.

The key word is learning. Not only is it important for students to continue learning and growing, Melva insists that her instructors do the same.

The American Dance Academy instructors are certified Dance Master and Cecchetti teachers and they are required to attend continuing education programs. Many of the A.D.A. instructors are current and past

professional performers. The Academy also often hosts guest master faculty from New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Florida's Disney World, among others.

Of the approximately 280 students enrolled in classes, 40 students are a part of the performing arts team, which dances competitively around the country and even around the world. "We performed in the International Youth Festival in Russia in 1986," Melva said. "It was quite a learning experience."

Alumni students of the Academy have won numerous college scholarships to every major university in Michigan and others around the country. Many have achieved coveted roles in theater productions, collegiate dance companies, and professional dance companies.

Students have won awards such as Petite Miss Dance of America, Junior Miss Dance of America, and Miss Dance of Michigan from the elite Dance Masters of America competition. Students of the American Dance Academy continually exhibit the success of excellent training. Awards are not limited to female dancers; male students have won Junior Mr. Dance and Mr. Dance of America.

From the youngest student to the pre-professional, the American Dance Academy offers outstanding education for students of all levels of dance experience.

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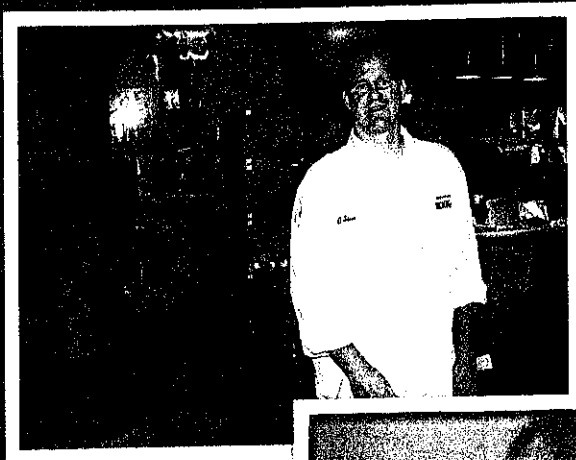
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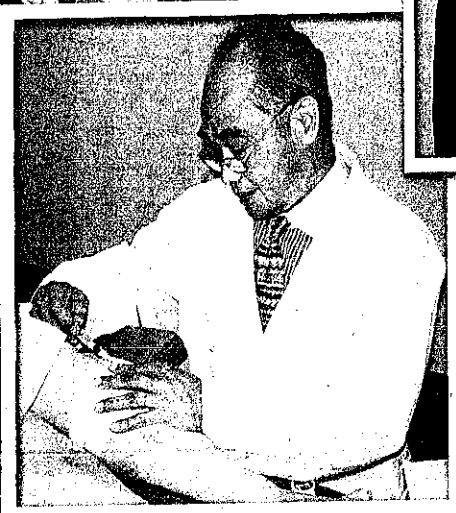
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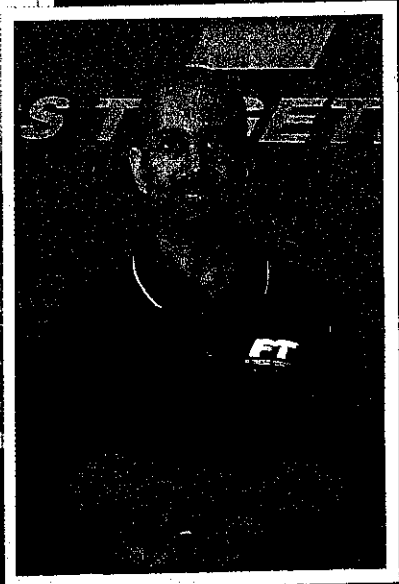
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For the last seven years, Lindsay and Chris Cortis have put their hearts and souls into their business — Scapparé Salon and Spa — and their customers have told them how much they have appreciated Scapparé's service and products.

Since the day Scapparé opened its doors at 21190 Pontiac Trail in 2001, it has won the South Lyon Herald's "People's Choice" awards for best hair and best nail salon every year. That means a lot to Lindsay and Chris and they are saying thank you by offering even more services to the South Lyon community. Already known for its service to entire families, Scapparé is now focusing on its senior citizen customers as well.

Every Monday is Senior Day where customers 65 and older can get 30 percent off all products and services. All they need to do is show proof of their age. "Hey, when is the last time you have been carded," joked Chris.

Showing their care for the senior members of the community is just one way that has made Scapparé the preferred hair and nail salon in the South Lyon area. The commitment to being the best starts with a highly trained staff, which the Cortis' put a great deal of emphasis on.

Education is a key

"I believe we have one of the best trained staffs in the area," said Chris. "We bring in national and international artists to train our staff in-house. Everyone here is a hair cutting or color specialist."

Scapparé's top distributor — Beautycraft Systems — provides the resources to send the staff to various locations for advanced training, including trips to New York and Toronto.

"Our education is unbelievable," Chris added. "I believe in providing the training my staff needs to be capable of doing anything the customer wants."

Because of its education and commitment to making its staff well-rounded professionals, Scapparé has had little turnover its seven years. The 33 employees have career opportunities that few other salons in the area can offer. Some of them are profiled on Scapparé's Web site at www.salonScappare.com.

That commitment to excellence also benefits Scapparé's customers — customers of all ages, including males, females, and children. Chris said he gets a little teasing from his male friends because of one of

the services Scapparé offers. "I like to get a massage before playing a round of golf," he said. "It relaxes me and I encourage guys to try it."

He said a lot of kids come in for haircuts, especially around the time of dance recitals and proms. The point is, people of all ages and gender are welcome.

Products and services

Visitors to the Scapparé Web site can find a complete listing of all of the products and services available. Chris is especially proud of his nail tech staff and said the "pedicures are very big this time of the year."

- The list includes:
- Nail services including a full set, fill-in, removal
 - Spa services including manicure, pedicure, exfoliating hand treatment
 - Hair care including cuts, color, styling
 - Massage and body treatments including Swedish massage, deep tissue massage, prenatal massage, reflexology, hot stone therapy
 - Skin care including anti-aging facial, acne facial treatment, back cleansing treatment, calming facial, essential mini facial, complex eye beauty
 - Specialty care including gentle microdermabrasion, make-up, body waxing

There are also a number of gift packages available, which make great gift ideas for mom, dad, or the grandparents.

All of the products and services, delivered by a well-trained professional staff have made Scapparé a success, even in challenging economic times.

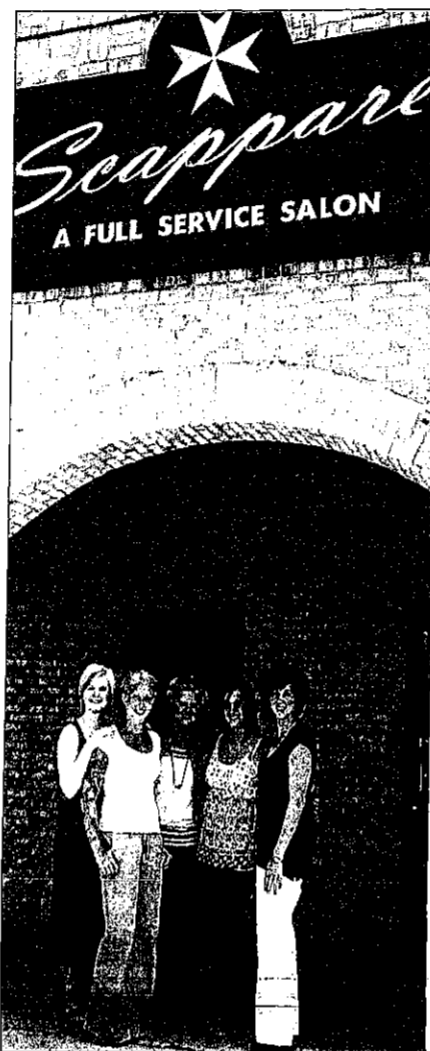
"We pride ourselves on making you feel like your money was well spent," said Chris. "We understand that people have to cut back on their purchases but they still like to look good."

Lindsay and Chris are planning to make some remodeling changes in the near future, adding to a relaxing and charming atmosphere that so many customers enjoy.

Scapparé is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Chris said an appointment is not necessary "but I recommend it because we fill up in a hurry."

For more information call 248-437-1112 or visit www.salonScappare.com.

— By John R. Hall



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Some of the many Scapparé employees take time out to pose in front of their familiar location on Pontiac Trail in South Lyon.



Clockwise from top: Pedicures are a popular item at Scapparé; Customers and stylists enjoy Scapparé's atmosphere; Lindsay and Chris Cortis are the proud owners of Scapparé.

"I believe in providing the training my staff needs to be capable of doing anything the customer wants."

— Chris Cortis
Owner, Scapparé

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Dr. Abir Faraj and her staff combine many years of experience to give patients "gentle dentistry" at her practice in the Novi Professional Village.

Abir Faraj, DDS, PC

248-348-5151

The dentist with the gentle touch, who cares as much about your dental health as you do, is Dr. Faraj of Novi. Her office is located in the Novi Professional Village at 23855 Novi Road, Suite B103, which is slightly south of the intersection of Ten Mile and Novi roads.

Dr. Faraj said that she and her staff are very concerned about healthy teeth and healthy gums.

"We are aggressive when it comes to treating gum disease," she said. "Your gums are just as important as your teeth."

Her concern for a healthy mouth is what Dr. Faraj believes sets her practice apart from others. She believes her experienced staff — including dental assistants and dental hygienists who have from 15 years to more than 20 years of experience — can put all of her patients at ease and make them feel relaxed.

Dr. Faraj received her degree from the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Dentistry in 2003. She was recently featured in *Hour Detroit* magazine which described her nomination by her peers as a top dentist in 2008. She is a member of the American Dental Association, the Michigan Dental Association, and the Detroit District Dental Society.

But being experienced and well known is only one part of a successful dental practice. Dr. Faraj and her staff are continuously participating in continuing education classes to

keep up with the latest trends in dentistry. Dr. Faraj's office is not only warm and welcoming, but technologically savvy as well.

Dr. Faraj uses the latest dental equipment, including an intraoral camera so the patient can see what the dentist sees. Her office also uses the latest in digital x-ray equipment so patients are exposed to much less radiation.

Some of the services available from Dr. Faraj and her staff are: preventive dentistry which includes sealants, fluoride treatments, oral cancer screenings, dental cleanings and examinations; esthetic procedures such as chairside or at-home whitening, and metal-free restorations including tooth-colored fillings, crowns, and veneers.

Dr. Faraj offers diet consulting — a direct link to cavity prevention. "People can make changes in their diet which can improve their oral health tremendously," she added. As part of her gentle approach to dental work, Dr. Faraj offers relaxation CDs, warm blankets, televisions in each exam room, and a massage chair to relax patients. Nitrous oxide is also available.

The office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, and 1-8 p.m. Wednesday. Weekend appointments are available by appointment. Dr. Faraj accepts most insurance plans.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 248-348-5151.

— By John R. Hall



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Stacy Tanner, of Nearly New Consignment, is busy these days arranging the upcoming consignment sale from her Web site.

Nearly New Consignment

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Imagine selling your used children's clothes and items for a price that you set without the hassles of setting up and running the sale — at a time when buyers are plentiful. That's what Nearly New Consignment is all about.

The business concept has been brought to the South Lyon area by Stacy Tanner, who recently moved here from Virginia. The concept has been growing across the U.S. but is still relatively unknown in Michigan. Nearly New Consignment is unlike traditional consignment businesses.

Firstly, it is a seasonal consignment business with a rented site. Secondly, the consignment sales are geared toward two seasons, spring and fall, which is when parents are reorganizing children's wardrobes.

Lastly, the quality of the items is much higher. All consignment products must be in good, gently used condition. "People can register as consignors and sell children's items at any price they want to put on it," said Tanner. "The sale includes clothing up to size 14, toys, furniture, shoes, bikes and maternity clothes, too."

The consignors price the items but don't need to be around to sell them. Volunteers working a three-hour shift receive early shopping privileges before the general public. Consignors also receive early shopping privileges after the volunteers shop.

All items are categorized by size and/or description. "If it's 2T clothing you're look-

ing for," said Tanner, "then all of the 2T clothing is on one rack. This makes it very convenient for the shopper."

This year's consignment sale will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Novi Christian Outreach Center at the First Baptist Church on 43501 W. 11 Mile Road in Novi.

Tanner organizes the sale via her Nearly New Consignment Web site and then coordinates the sale.

Anyone can register as a consignor at www.nearlynewconsignment.com.

Consignors receive an I.D. number, which is used to track sales, to place on their items.

"A few weeks later after the sale is over, I will mail a check to each consignor for 60 percent of the revenue from all of the merchandise sold minus a \$5 consignor fee."

Tanner said, "I also include a donation slip from Purple Heart if the consignor wishes to donate any unsold items."

Consignors may also reduce their items to 50 percent off and sell them during the added 1-3 p.m. portion of the sale. Consignors can choose to pick up any unsold items, too.

There is no sign-up cut-off date, but potential sellers should register early and refer friends. For every referral the consignor can earn \$5 up to a maximum of \$50.

For more information visit www.nearlynewconsignment.com.

— By John R. Hall



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The service is excellent, the food is delicious, and the wine selection is top-notch at Steve & Rocky's of Novi.

Steve & Rocky's

248-374-0688 • www.steveandrockys.com

At Steve & Rocky's restaurant in Novi, the business philosophy is straightforward: to provide simple food done well and to treat each guest with warm, personal hospitality.

Co-owners Steve Allen and Chuck "Rocky" Rachwitz combine great food and great service into — what else? — a great dining experience. For Allen the experience starts with a staff who take their jobs very seriously. "People who work here are professional at what they do," he said. "For example, our cooks come here to learn how to be great chefs."

Allen, who himself is a hands-on working chef, believes that his staff should be able to answer customer's questions about the menu items as if they sampled all of the food themselves — and they often do. "We get the front-of-the-house team and the chefs together for a daily show-and-tell," he said. "We go over the menu items and encourage the waitstaff to sample the food, I taste everything every day to make sure it is good. How do you tell a guest the food is good if you never tasted it?"

Both Allen and Rachwitz take their food very seriously, too. Each has a great deal of experience in the business. Rachwitz was the executive chef of the Chuck Muer Corporation for 18 years. Allen apprenticed in France and worked for the Golden Mushroom for 15 years, serving as the executive chef for the last eight years.

Steve & Rocky's is an award-winning restaurant, having won several Michigan

competitions. Allen has won many American Culinary Federation Gold and Silver medals during his years of competition. Rachwitz has won such events as the American Seafood Competition, Best of Michigan Meal, and is a four-time winner of the Northville Fire & Ice Chili Competition.

But cooking awards don't mean anything unless there is great food and great customer service, two characteristics of Steve & Rocky's. The food is fresh and made from scratch daily. The menu is very diverse and geared to all times of the day. Separate menus include lunch, dinner, young person, and an early-bird matinee.

Allen said the seafood is very popular and cited the much-requested Lake Perch Sauté as a delicious lunch and dinner dish. But he stopped short of recommending any one particular item. "I recommend everything," he said. "It all depends on what the guest wants."

The friendly staff is ready to recommend wine from a large selection — over 130 different types — or the staff is ready to serve up a draft beer at the bar, too. Whatever the taste or thirst, Steve & Rocky's can satisfy it.

And don't forget about Steve & Rocky's great catering menu, which can serve up to 250 people onsite or up to 1,000 people off-site.

Steve & Rocky's is located at 43150 Grand River Avenue. Call 248-374-0688 or visit www.steveandrockys.com.

— By John R. Hall



Photo by JESSICA SWAYZE

Standing at jewelry cases displaying custom designed jewelry pieces at South Lyon Watch & Jewelry are Scott Ward, owner, and his son, Max Sidorov.

South Lyon Watch & Jewelry

248-486-9219

South Lyon Watch & Jewelry is known throughout the region for their fantastic prices, but they're known throughout the world for the wildlife housed in the jewelry cases.

Ripley's Believe It or Not declared South Lyon Watch & Jewelry to be the world's most dangerous jeweler because of the live scorpions that scuttle inside of the jewelry display cases. The poisonous stings of the creatures pose a deadly threat to any potential thieves.

"We're becoming a 'zoo-eweler,'" said store owner Scott Ward. Ward, who opened the business five years ago, recently launched his third jewelry store in Maryland. With his sons acting as managers, all of the businesses are family-run operations.

Another unique aspect of South Lyon Watch & Jewelry is their commitment to create one of a kind jewelry pieces. To protect the originality of their jewelry designs, no pictures are taken of the custom pieces. "Everything is limited edition. We even destroy the molds, so no duplicates are made," said Ward.

They also work hard to keep prices low. According to Ward, their prices typically run about one-third of their competitors' prices.

While most jewelers charge about \$40 dollars for ring sizing, South Lyon Watch & Jewelry charges only \$10 dollars. They also charge significantly less than other stores

for watch batteries.

Good prices and beautiful custom jewelry have combined to make a thriving business. "I've never seen a jewelry store this busy," said Ward. After 40 years in the jewelry industry, he knows what customers want from their jeweler.

Proving to be a favorite among local customers, South Lyon Watch & Jewelry won the South Lyon Herald 2005 and 2008 People's Choice Award.

South Lyon Watch & Jewelry uses only the best materials to make their jewelry.

According to Ward, they use only Russian diamonds, which are non-conflict diamonds.

The store also allays any fears of diamond switching. When customers bring pieces in for repair, the store will set the original diamonds back in place with their clients' supervision.

Ward, who runs the business with his son, is also preparing to welcome more wildlife to the South Lyon store. They will soon adopt a live honey bear from Brazil. Ward explained that the bear is quite friendly and will be able to visit with customers.

South Lyon Watch & Jewelry is located at 20740 Pontiac Trail. Store hours are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Email with questions to southlyonjeweler@hotmail.com. Contact them at 248-486-9219.

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It is no secret that Northville's Piazza Dance Company is one of the outstanding dance studios in southeast Michigan, serving the surrounding communities with outstanding dance instruction since 1981. It is the only born-and-bred school of dance in Northville. There are now — and have always been — exciting programs for dancers of all ages.

But what people may not know is that the Piazza Dance Company is also known as a gathering spot for families to participate in dance and dance production.

The Family Gathering

"Piazza Dance has always been a place for kids but it is also a place for moms and dads, too," said co-owner Gina Piazza. "Moms are never too old to dance and this is the

opportunity for them to do something they may not have had a chance to do as a child. Moms also enjoy the workouts they get in a dance class."

"Dads have fun learning dance routines with their daughters. They are able to spend time with their daughters doing something that they are not familiar with. Seeing the smiles on their daughter's faces as they watch Dad dance is so touching."

Another family tradition at the Piazza Dance Company that brings everyone together is building props for performances. Moms and dads contribute their time and experience to building beautiful scenery for the various production numbers.

"There is so much out there that pulls families apart," said Gina. "We are proud to be a part of something that brings families together."

The staff is experienced at teaching many dance disciplines to people of all

ages, people who have enjoyed the fun and learning experiences in many of the Piazza Dance Company dance classes.

The Busy Schedule

Dance instruction really heats up from September through June but the lights are still on in the dance studios during the summer months. There is never a dull moment at the Piazza Dance Company.

Gina and her sister, co-owner Marilyn Piazza-Esper, are constantly searching for new activities that provide learning experiences for their stu-

dents.

In the summer the schedule begins with an intensive three-day workshop with guest artists, then a series of workshops featuring dance instruction and a Latin-style fitness class called Zumba!, followed by the very popular Precious Princesses imaginative dance and play.

Dancers Boot Camp wraps up a busy summer. In addition to these activities the all-important fall registration



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Classes are offered for all ages at Piazza Dance Company.

process continues, wrapping up with

events is the Kids for Kids performance at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center in Dearborn.

Some of the students



Piazza Dance Company offers classes for preschoolers, as well as teens and adults.



At Piazza Dance Company, moms and dads are invited to learn the dance routine with their daughters. This successful program delights the girls and give moms and dads some special time with their daughters.



week number two registration from 4-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, August 25-28.

Marilynn said that students can register online at www.piazzadanceco.com, but she would prefer that students and parents come in and visit the facility and see some of the changes that have happened, like freshly painted and redecorated studios, dance rooms, and offices.

Visitors also can meet and talk with the office staff, whom Marilyn describes as "extremely helpful and customer focused. They are amazing. They take time to answer any questions from anyone."

The Many Opportunities

It isn't just the regular schedule of classes that keep students busy — it is the full schedule of community events that also round out a very fulfilling experience at the Piazza Dance Company.

"We do four dance competitions and we are always looking for other events for our dancers," said Gina. One of those

recently marched at Northville's Independence Day Parade, part of the many ways that Gina and Marilyn show their support for the community that has supported them for 27 years.

Other events include the annual Detroit Ignition Soccer half-time performance at the Compuware Arena and the annual Christmas Performance at Rock Financial Showplace. "We also perform for local nursing homes and assisted living homes," added Marilyn. "And we hosted the Northville High School dance company three times a week last year because they needed more room to practice."

But opportunities don't just mean the various venues to perform in — opportunities include the various disciplines that dancers learn. The list includes Russian Method Ballet and Pointe, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Polynesian, Irish-Step, Preschool Ballet and Rhythm, Musical Theater, Acting classes, Belly dancing, Acro-gymnastics, Modern Dance, Kinderdance, and Salsa.

The Piazza Dance Company is located at 42333 Seven Mile Road in the Northville Plaza. For more information call 248-348-3720 or visit www.piazzadanceco.com.

— By John R. Hall



Photo by SALLY RUMMEL

All signs point to Pyro — Michigan's expert on whole house diagnostics and building science.

Pyro Heating & Cooling

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If you've ever seen a clean red truck on the road with the word 'Pyro' prominently printed on each side, then you've experienced the exciting growth of this family-owned heating and cooling company into new market areas.

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"Our clients are so sold on Pyro's preventive maintenance programs that they let us remind them that it's time for a 'cleaning by sending them cards, newsletters, etc.," said Dave Schmidt, co-owner of Pyro Heating & Cooling for more than 25 years. His business partner is Steve Andersen, founder of the 30-year old company.

Pyro reminds area homeowners that they can take advantage of pre-season specials, or join an active Pyro membership program that provides them with preferred scheduling "at the front of the line," plus discounts on products, services and repairs.

This type of routine maintenance and cleaning allows homeowners to be on top of their systems' efficiency, rather than literally losing hundreds of valuable energy dollars through improperly working equipment.

"People actually have a huge influence on how long their energy equipment will last," explained Schmidt. "With proper maintenance, a system will last beyond the national average of between 15 to 18 years. Without it, homeowners can expect to replace their equipment more often and will spend more dollars in higher energy costs."

Homeowners also want to know that their heating and cooling systems are running safe and healthy, before the heavy use of the season. That's why they need to call Pyro during the months of August and September to be ready for a long, cold Michigan winter.

As an authorized Lennox dealer, as well as a major installer for Amans, Goodman and Aire-Flow, Pyro Heating & Cooling focuses most of its energy providing residential service.

"We're primarily a service company," said



Pyro Heating & Cooling co-owner Dave Schmidt is proud of his company's impressive service record over the past three decades.

Andersen. "We'll work on any heating and cooling system that's installed in your home, and we're available 24 hours a day."

That's right. You'll see Pyro Heating & Cooling trucks on the road 24/7, diagnosing a repair situation. Homeowners who call for Pyro service will know exactly what it will cost to repair or install equipment.

"Our straight-forward price is stated before the repair is done, so it's a no-surprise, 100 percent customer satisfaction guarantee," said Andersen. "No matter how long it takes our technicians to diagnose the problem, you do not pay by the hour — you only pay a small one-time diagnostic fee."

Customers also appreciate having an opportunity to provide feedback after every service call, with a survey sent by the professional team of Pyro Heating & Cooling. "Thorough and professional" are the two words most often used to describe the service and installation work completed by Pyro.

So whether you're looking to improve the technology of your present energy system, hoping to provide more comfort into your home or want to pay fewer dollars on your utility bills, Pyro Heating & Cooling can provide a professional service that few can match.

"We want you to get to know us," invited Schmidt. "Please call us to set up a pre-season check on your home comfort system or let us perform an engineering analysis."

Pyro Heating & Cooling is located at 772 McPherson Park Dr. in Howell, phone 810-632-7976, 810-229-4328, or 517-548-2114.

For more information, visit their Web site at www.pyro-heating.com.

— By Sally Rummel



Steve Andersen, founder of the 30-year old company, stands in front of Pyro Heating & Cooling in Howell. The company's offices are housed in an award-winning building design.

Novi Family Dental Center

248-348-3100 • novidental@hotmail.com

Getting to know generations of families and more than 32 years of dental experience has given Dr. Tuchklaper of Novi Family Dental Center the reputation of being an ever-reliable dental practitioner serving the Novi area.

Novi Dental is a full service facility that performs family and cosmetic dentistry catering to all ages. Dr. Tuchklaper's primary goal at Novi Dental is to help people improve their smiles and in turn help their overall health.

Novi Dental prides itself on possessing both experience and the latest technology in order to ultimately leave their patients satisfied. Cutting edge technology like digital X-rays, intraoral imaging, ceramic "one hour crowns," and advanced II ZOOM whitening systems are just a few of the advances at Novi Dental. Novi Dental offers porcelain veneers, crowns, bridges, implants and treatment of gum disease.

Another area that Dr. Tuchklaper has had special training in is the treatment of snoring and sleep apnea. Many times a dental appliance can be used to moderate sleep apnea and CPAP-intolerant patients. Let Dr. T evaluate you for signs of sleep apnea. This condition can have long-term negative medical complications if left untreated.

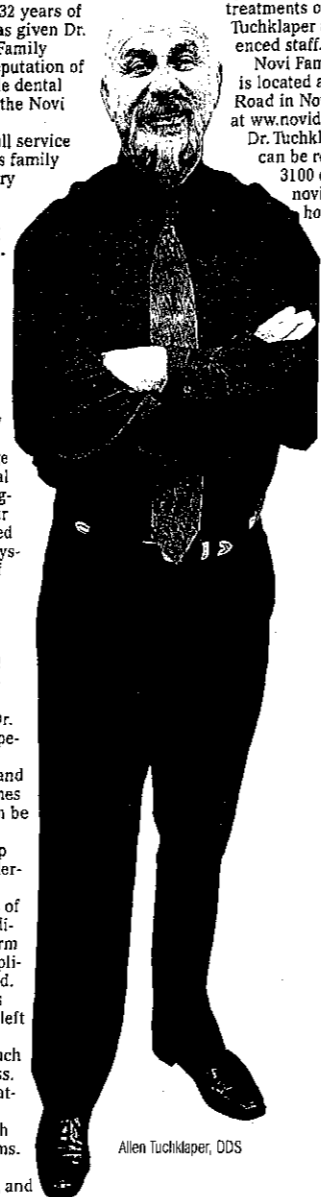
One more concern is gum disease, which if left untreated can become accelerated through such life challenges as stress. Novi Dental offers treatment for the disease's specific symptoms such as swollen and red gums. Cosmetic dentistry, implants, gum disease, and

sleep apnea are just some of the treatments offered by Dr. Tuchklaper and his experienced staff.

Novi Family Dental Center is located at 43410 W. Ten Mile Road in Novi, and on the Web at www.novidental.com.

Dr. Tuchklaper and his staff can be reached at 248-348-3100 or by e-mail at novidental@hotmail.com.

— By Lon Huhman



Allen Tuchklaper, DDS



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Personal one-on-one attention is what makes the exercise program at Fitness Together stand out from other personal training programs.

Fitness Together

248-348-9230 • www.ftnovi.com

For certified personal trainer Boo Sadikot and his staff of professional trainers at Fitness Together of Novi, back to school means back to fitness. The distractions of summer including vacations, snacking, and fewer organized exercise programs are all good reasons to consider personal training solutions from Fitness Together.

"Each fall, the vow to lose weight and increase our level of physical fitness outweighs many others," said Sadikot. "This is the time of year many people flock to crowded area gyms in search of a better body."

Sadikot knows that people have the best intentions to stick with exercise programs throughout the year but many factors take them away from a regular schedule, especially after a long summer — and that adds to disappointment.

"People get frustrated when they don't see results," he added. "I've met people who have worked out for years who have not been able to achieve the results they'd like. It is often because fitness goals fall by the wayside or they didn't have a fitness plan that addressed their needs in the first place."

Whatever the reasons, the upcoming fall season is a great time to reevaluate fitness plans and goals. That is where Sadikot and Fitness Together have the answers. "Fall is a good time to reconnect to a fitness schedule," he said. "The kids are back in school and it is time to get back in shape."

— By John R. Hall



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Jim Maher, president of Maher Construction Company Restoration Services, stands ready at a moment's notice to help with restoration services.

Maher Restoration & Construction

248-926-6631 • www.goMaher.com

When disaster strikes a home or business, restoration work must begin immediately to minimize the pain and suffering of owners. Maher Restoration & Construction of Walled Lake has built its reputation by helping people rebuild their homes and businesses when the unexpected happens. Maher Restoration & Construction is known for "Restoring Shattered Lives and Dreams™." Jim Maher, founder and president said, "People need guidance during these tough times. They look to us for support."

The support his clients get is immediate. Maher Restoration & Construction guarantees immediate response to an unexpected disastrous event including fire, water and storm damage, or burglary and vandalism within 60 minutes. Maher knows that his clients need to get their life and property restored as soon as possible and any delays can bring on more distress.

"We take an approach of comforting each client in a time of need," he added. Maher Restoration & Construction works people throughout Oakland, Livingston, Washburn, and parts of Wayne counties to know that they can call his company 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during an emergency situation.

"Who do you call on Christmas Day when the turkey burns and there is smoke throughout the house, or you come home after a long day and find your finished base-

ment flooded?" he asked. "You call us." Once the call is made, Maher Restoration & Construction and its team of professionals can provide the information, expertise, and equipment to begin the restoration process. The team knows that for every minute that passes after a disaster, deterioration begins in walls, flooring, contents, and even the structure.

Maher will handle mold remediation, vandalism/burglary, water extractions, roof tarp/repairs, storm/wind damage, snow/ice/freeze damage, sump pump failure, toilet backups, and more.

The company's slogan "Maher Makes It Happen™" is printed on every truck and on all of the company materials and it is not an empty promise.

"This is not just a slogan," Maher said. "We truly believe in it and live and breathe it. We are there to get in and get out as quickly and efficiently as we can."

Jim Maher has been in the construction industry for over 17 years and has his B.A. degree in Construction Management. The company is well established and is an important part and great supporter of the local communities.

When disaster strikes call 877-MAHER-24, for 24-hour guaranteed 60-minute emergency response time emergency service.

To learn more about the company and its services visit www.goMaher.com.

— By John R. Hall



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Working with clients in a challenging economy to prioritize treatment schedules for pet care are, from left, Dr. John Parker, Jude Howison, Jeannie Snelling, and Dr. Ronald Studer of Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic in Novi.

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic

248-449-7447

Business is not going to the dogs at Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic in Novi. As a matter of fact, it is going to cats, birds, pocket pets, and a few other animals, too.

That's a good thing for Dr. Ronald Studer and Dr. John Parker, owners of the clinic. They are happy to see and treat family pets and have over 50 years of combined experience.

And despite all of their experience, the doctors are happy to have clients actively participate in their pets' health care.

"We practice with the view that we partner with our clients," said Dr. Studer. "We share information with them and that helps them make more informed decisions. We work with people."

Both doctors have been sharing information and knowledge with clients in their Novi location since 1996. Along with their team of experienced professionals at Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic, the doctors emphasize preventive medicine, especially today when some pet owners may be cutting back on pet care because of the economy.

"People should not put off preventive medicine for their pets," said Dr. Parker. "It is important to stay on a regular schedule, especially when it comes to things like heartworm prevention. We can work with clients and prioritize a treatment schedule."

— By John R. Hall

Some of the services include blood tests, X-rays, dental surgery, mass removal, GI surgery, and bladder stone removal. The clinic has its own in-house pharmacy and carry prescription pet food.

The doctors have a great deal of experience treating all types of animal illnesses and injuries but they also will refer a client to a specialist if the problem is outside of their expertise.

"It does happen that a pet will need care from a specialist, whether for the heart, neurology, or even dermatology," said Dr. Studer. "We have a network of professionals we feel comfortable referring them to."

When an emergency arises late at night, on weekends, or after hours, there is an emergency center available in the area that the doctors can refer clients to.

The good word about Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic has also spread to the Internet, too. As one person wrote in an online review at CitySearch.com, "They have a great staff and really care about your pet."

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic is located at the corner of Ten Mile and Beck roads. Appointments are available Monday through Friday as well as Saturday morning. For more information call 248-449-7447.



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The Center Stage Dance Company is a big supporter of Northville community, including dancing in such events as the Northville Victorian Festival.

Center Stage Dance Company

248-380-1666 • www.dancingcenterstage.com.

The Center Stage Dance Company of Northville is a great place to learn about dance — but it is much, much more than just being trained in several dance disciplines. It is all about the "educational experience of dance" according to owner Lisa Shapiro. "Our primary goal is to build good people through dance."

The learning process is so important at the Center Stage Dance Company that many of the former students like to come back to the studio located at 43334 West Seven Mile Road in the Northville Research Center to teach new dancers or just to visit and rekindle old friendships. The bonds formed through the dance experience last a lifetime.

Shapiro has taught dance for over 29 years while assistant director Becky Hicks has over 20 years of know-how. They are constantly looking for ways to keep their classes and programming "fresh and current," said Hicks. "We are always coming up with new programs and ideas."

Both believe that the dance experience is important in a non-competitive environment. The dance company rarely enters competitions unless Shapiro and Hicks see a real educational value in them. "If there is a competition that recognizes creativity and education, we may pursue it," they added. They are also strong believers in ongoing education, inviting visiting artists to teach and offering workshops in choreography.

modern dance, and creative movement. In the summer, dancers between the ages of 4 and 8 are encouraged to attend fantasy camps. In the fall, the primary season begins, running from September through June, culminating with annual recitals. Enrollment for performance classes (except adult classes) is accepted through January.

Shapiro stated that Center Stage Dance Company has been a community business partner with the Northville Parks and Recreation department for 11 years. All dance classes are taught on-site at the studio and are offered by session, usually 10-12 weeks in the fall and winter, eight weeks in the spring, and open classes in July and August. Fall, winter, and spring classes have an end-of-session performance for family and friends. Adult classes include ballet, tap, and jazz/hip hop.

The studio is also a vital part of the Northville community. Shapiro enjoys giving back to the community that supports her and she also feels very strongly about supporting the local arts, too. Center Stage locally supports high school musical theater, Northville High School's spring 2008 production of "Cats" was choreographed and dance directed by Shapiro and another CSDC instructor, Erin Sattler.

To learn more, call 248-380-1666, or visit www.dancingcenterstage.com.

— By John R. Hall



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The Omni Valet Service van is a familiar sight around the western suburbs, picking up and dropping off dry cleaning and laundry free of charge.

Omni Valet Service by Lake Cleaners

248-926-0545

The Omni Valet Service is provided by Lake Cleaners and is available to many customers along its routes. Titled "Total Dry Cleaning & Laundry Service at your doorstep," this service is designed as a convenience for people who are just too busy to drive to the dry cleaners or who don't want to keep paying the high price of gas to run their dry cleaning errands. Omni Valet Service owner Robert Rockafellow took over the established business four years ago and knows that his customers appreciate the convenience of a dry cleaning delivery service.

"We are competitively priced and don't include any hidden trips charges," he said. "Why spend money on gas if you don't have to?"

Pick-up and delivery can be arranged one or two times a week depending on a customer's needs and can be done at the customer's home or place of work as long as it can be included in the route.

Rockafellow noted, "Our objective is to provide the best service of this type in the community. To accomplish this goal, Omni Valet Service offers pick-up and delivery twice a week at no cost."

The van goes out on Monday and picks up or drops off clothing and then returns to the same locations on Thursday, also for pick-up or drop-off. Route areas include parts of Novi/Northville and surrounding areas.

Route customers receive a monthly invoice mailed to an address specified by the customer.

Omni Valet Service offers complete dry cleaning and laundry services. The company also cleans leather, drapes, bedding, formal wear, wedding apparel and christening clothing (which can be preserved), uniforms, damage restoration, alterations, and much more.

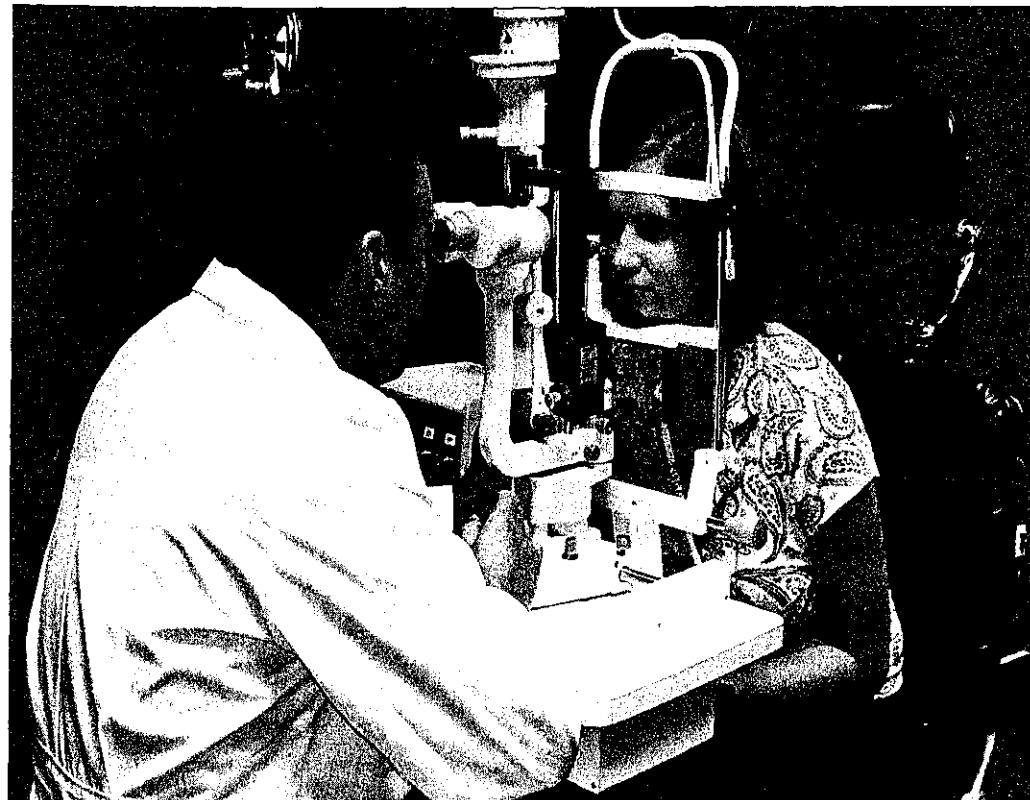
The basic price list for laundry items includes: Business shirts - \$1.89 (cleaned and pressed using the latest technology); Pants (khaki or denim) - \$5.65; and Laundry by the pound - \$1.00

The basic price list for dry cleaning items include:

- Pants - \$5.65
- Shirt - \$5.65
- Blazer - \$5.65
- Lab coats - \$4 to \$6
- Sweaters - \$5.65
- Blouse - \$5.65
- Suit (2-piece) - \$10.50
- Skirt - \$5.65
- Dress - \$8.25 (plain)
- Coats - \$10 - \$15

"Omni Valet Service wants to assist you with all of your dry cleaning and laundry needs," said Rockafellow.

"Please contact us at 248-926-0545." — By John R. Hall



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Dr. Howard Adelson begins the process for Crystallens HD by examining the patient.

Adelson Eye and Laser Center

Offering new hope with vision correction

248-449-9292 • www.adelsoneye.com

A new innovation has been introduced at Northville's Adelson Eye and Laser Center giving this eye care facility a cutting edge and, more importantly, giving hope for those individuals seeking the full-range of expertise eye care solutions to help fix their visual ailments.

Adelson Eye and Laser Center is a facility that treats all medical and surgical eye care problems. Its services range from LASIK, to cataract and eye-lid surgeries, as well as diagnosing glaucoma, macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy.

According to Dr. Howard Adelson, by introducing this new eye implant advancement, the eye care center he co-directs with his brother Todd has become even more diverse in its available visual remedies.

This United States Food and Drug Agency (FDA) approved evolutionary step in eye care is called the Crystallens HD, developed by Bausch and Lomb. Adelson says this new eye implant, which is an enhanced accommodative optic, can provide eye care patients the best of both worlds within high definition vision.

These two worlds are quantity and quality. Quantity is the different visual lengths of near, distance and intermediate, and quality being every important detail within those lengths that should not have to be compromised.

Adelson says because of the positive results that come with the new Crystallens HD it made complete sense for him and his brother to get on board and become thoroughly acquainted with it. And just as important as any aspect to it, understand who could use it the most.

"We pride ourselves on being a state-of-the-art facility with the latest technology and solutions" Adelson says. "So we are very excited to introduce this implant that far surpasses previous eye care progressions."

The Crystallens HD comes from a family of advancements with the previous ones being the Crystallens Five-O and Crystallens HD. Crystallens is a corrective lens replacement for adults with cataracts and for those individuals over the age of 40.

One positive feature to the HD, according to Adelson, is the redesigned anterior surface that now enables the

individual to have increased depth of focus for all viewing distances. To be specific, this surface provides improved near vision without compromising distance and intermediate vision.

To further his point of HD's significance, Adelson points to FDA clinical trial data that demonstrates a statistically significant improvement in contrast sensitivity.

To back up the claim of its superiority, Adelson notes that there are four significant reasons why the HD stands atop other multi-focal lenses.

The first reason is that the HD is designed to project a single image on the retina. The second reason is that unlike other multi-focal lenses that require optimal lighting conditions and a larger pupil size as an individual, the HD provides 100 percent of light rays regardless of pupil size or age. The third basis for HD's trial success is it maintains a low risk of halos and glares, which Adelson says can enable better night driving. The final aspect is that HD is free of multi-focal adaptation challenges or intermediate vision compromise.

Crystallens works in concert with the

eye's natural muscle, Adelson explains, and no other lens comes closer to mirroring the function of the natural lens. He states that the human lens uses the ciliary muscle to move the natural lens and allows the eye to focus on the subject at hand.

The HD works the same way. The flexibility of the eye is also important and the HD has this movement covered with the enabling flexible hinge within the lens. This movement is aided by the flexible hinge in that it flexes forward each time the eye wants to focus on an object in intermediate and near lengths.

According to Adelson, those who may want or need the HD lens are seniors or baby boomers with cataract or feel the need to correct their faltering vision. He says the HD is the best opportunity to see clearly at all distances while reducing or eliminating the need for glasses. Northville's Adelson Eye and Laser Center is located at 215 E. Main Street in Suite 202 and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. They can be reached at 248-449-9292, or at the Web site www.adelsoneye.com.

— By Lon Huhman



BEFORE



AFTER



Jim Seghi's work speaks for itself. More before and after photos of Seghi's work can be found on his Web site — www.jimseghirenovations.com.



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Jim Seghi is ready to plan your dream addition, update your bath, increase your kitchen space or finish that basement you've always said you would get around to someday.

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Many of us grew up in a wash of avocado green kitchens, mustard yellow appliances and Formica counter patterns that could have been used in terrible science experiments to test various levels of mouse psychosis or yet undiscovered color spectrums. Thank goodness tastes have matured and interests have turned towards colors and tones more in-line with how nature intended. Homeowners are now combining the elegance of polished granite counters to their kitchens and baths and stone tiles throughout their homes. Many others have chosen to adorn their sinks with polished nickel, or oil-rubbed bronze fixtures and adding value to their homes that is both beautiful and functional.

For homeowners it makes sense to spend wisely during this tough economic time. Included in that investment should be a commitment making your investment pay off. Mistakenly some homeowners will look at a quoted price alone and assume that the total cost of the project to renovate should be determined by the best deal but, cautions Jim Seghi of Seghi Renovations,

"When you look at the details of what is being quoted and what you really want, there are significant differences in the quality of material and craftsmanship that you'll sacrifice if you simply consider price."

Jim takes his time when discussing every home improvement project with his customers so they know from start to finish what the end cost will be. Too often other builders will start with a lower bid and then layer on "extras" and "upgrades" to the point that, what started out as a deal suddenly becomes a significant overrun in a customer's budget.

Jim Seghi has a passion for his trade, knowing that his customers want to re-appreciate their estate when they renovate. With that in mind he will gather their ideas and then determine the best fit for both space and budget. Seeing something where nothing exists is a special skill that Jim has honed over his many years in business and his customers have come to trust and appreciate. The trust his customers have is due to his honesty and quality they see every day while his work evolves in their

homes and long after the job is complete. This trusting relationship leads to the many referrals that Jim has received year after year.

So many customers have found that there is far more value and less expense in updating their existing home rather than spending lots of money to sell, move and purchase a different home. Talk with Jim and explain to him what your current layout lacks and you'll very likely be surprised at how affordable it can be to add those functions and features to your existing home.

As today's sluggish housing market has shown, many homes are not selling unless they have the buyer's interest in the very beginning. To ensure a sale real estate agents are often suggesting sellers spend a little money to make those critical updates to homes before listing them for sale. It doesn't matter if you need a kitchen, bath or family room updated Jim Seghi Renovations has a solution for you.

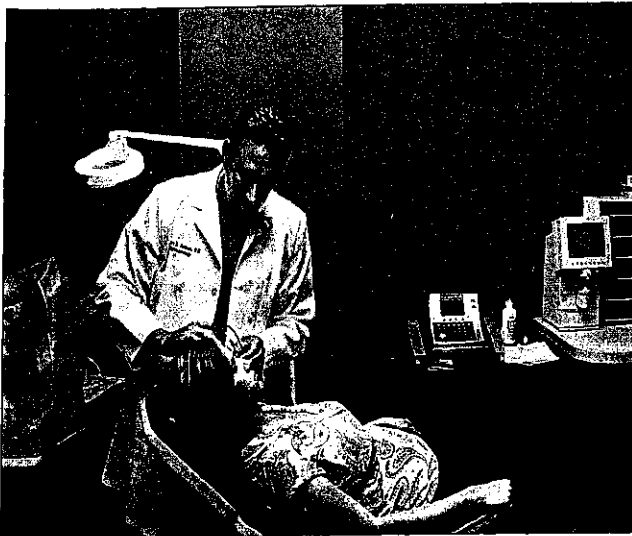
Jim will open his Seghi Showroom to the public this fall. He is committed to adding a full-time on-site custom designer to take

customer requirements, along with his initial vision, to the next level. Ideas will be drawn up and made available in complete and understandable detail that will show how the new plans will fit into the home and space being updated. Jim knows that new showroom and location will make it convenient for customers to discuss concepts and review plans before and during the project.

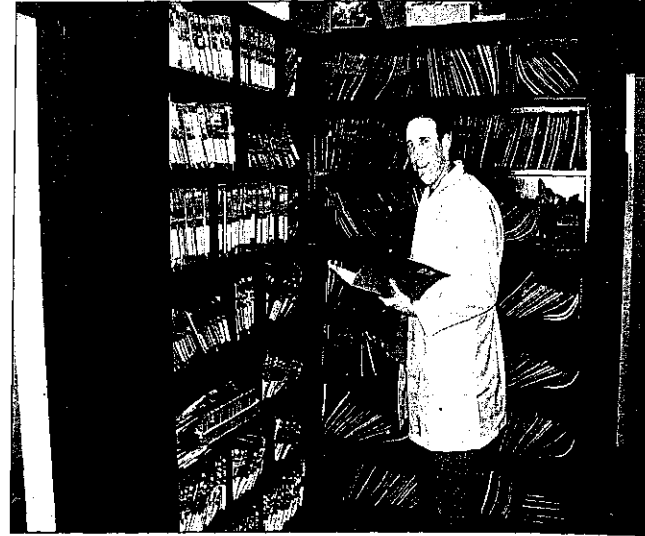
If you would like some thought starters for your home or wish to see real examples of some amazing transformations you can review before and after photos on Jim's Web site www.jimseghirenovations.com as well as coupons for additional savings on your next project, testimonials and more. Call Jim for an idea, or appointment, at 248-437-2454.

Jim Seghi Renovations is ready to plan your dream addition, update your bath, increase your kitchen space or finish that basement you've always said you would get around to. Elegance with optimal space utilization are your keys to happiness and increased home equity.

— By Michael Pilotti



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Dr. Howard Adelson consults a chart at his office, the Adelson Eye and Laser Center, which is located at 215 E. Main St., in Suite 202, in Northville.



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Jan Eldon, owner of Jan's Skin Spa in South Lyon, will host a CAbi fashion show on Thursday, August 14, and a Botox and Dermal filler seminar with Kris, the on-site nurse, on September 17. Both events will include refreshments and drawings for products.

Jan's Skin Spa

248-515-8987 • www.jansskinspa.com

At Jan's tidy, cozy and professional spa, it's all about seeing the beauty underneath the top layer of skin that perhaps has become dull-looking, worn, wrinkled, frazzled and tired.

Owner Jan Eldon, a licensed esthetician, knows that with her help and expertise the client's skin will surely improve.

"I am satisfied when my client is happy, and that makes me happy as well," she said. New clients will sit down with Jan as she consults with them on what they want, and also to go over a brief questionnaire.

Her services offer a variety of treatments that keep her clientele coming back. The Bioelements CryoThermic Body Treatment encourages the body's natural slimming process with an intense body wrap. The heat and cool energies of CryoThermic Body Gel activates microcirculation, targeting puffiness and swelling due to water retention, tissue firmness, unwanted toxins and sluggish microcirculation from lack of exercise. The result is a more toned and revitalized body.

A Bioelements Custom Facial offers deep pore cleansing, exfoliation and massage of the face, neck and shoulders plus a therapeutic Bioelements mask and serum designed to correct specific problems. The result is immaculate clear, smooth and glowing skin in one hour.

Other services available are hair removal,

glycolic peels, microcurrent facial sculpting, and eyebrow design. Products available are Bioelements Professional Skin Care, AHAVA Body Care, Mirabella Mineral Makeup, and Root Candles. Jan offers complementary make-up consultations to chemotherapy patients, offering them discounts on products and helping them get back to a look they feel good about. Jan's also offers a Bioelements Flax-C Anti-Aging Facial for skin showing the signs of age. The facial includes an exclusive layered exfoliation process, massage and ultra-tightening mask to restore firmness.

"I also have a registered nurse, Kris Rondeau, that is a Nationally Certified Injection Specialist for Botox, Juvederm, Restylane and Perlane injections," Eldon said.

Jan will host a CAbi fashion show on Thursday, August 14. Those interested need to RSVP the spa. To learn more about Botox and Dermal fillers, meet with Kris, the on-site nurse, on September 17. Both events will include refreshments and drawings for products.

Eldon opened her spa two years ago following seven years of experience. She lives with her family in South Lyon and serves as an Ambassador for the local Chamber of Commerce. Jan's Skin Spa is located at 105 N. Lafayette. Call 248-515-8987 for an appointment.

—By Nathan Menoian



Photo by DAWN TOMCZYK

Forming a friendly powerhouse team at Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy, "Where Our People Make the Difference" are, from left, Nicole Blodde, Diane Tuttle, Victoria Gates, Melissa Tuttle and owner Kenny Walkup.

Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy

248-446-2643 • www.specialty-medicine.com

Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy of downtown South Lyon serves patients who aren't necessarily suited for generic, prescription drugs. Physicians referred customers hail from across the state to acquire the pharmacy's specially compounded medicines, which address issues ranging from dye allergies and dosage size to taste considerations, discontinued drugs and more.

Offering more flavors than a gourmet ice cream shop — banana, chocolate, pineapple, tutti frutti and over 50 others — children's medicines form a sizable portion of the business. The pharmacy's staff also has the ability to change drug formats from pill to ointment, powder to liquid and everything in between. Notes owner and founder, Kenny Walkup, RPh, with Specialty Medicine's compounding services, you can "take your medicine any way you like it."

Clients, however, aren't just human. Approximately 40 percent of Walkup's customers are furred, finned or feathered. It's not uncommon to find him formulating medicated peanut butter-flavored dog biscuits, dosing under-the-weather ducks and — a recent request — mixing medications for a family of seahorses.

The pharmacy also specializes in chronic pain management and hormone pharma-

ceuticals, and offers books on hormone therapy, holistic healing, and prayer and meditation.

The compounding takes place in three self-contained work stations, a sterile room, and state-of-the-art machinery. Everything is digitally monitored and inventoried to ensure the greatest accuracy, safety and confidentiality for their clients. An attached room for conferences, educational seminars and public rental.

Next year will mark Specialty Medicine's 10th anniversary. Among its most significant achievements is its ranking as one of three pharmacies in Michigan — and one of only 50 in the country — to be nationally accredited by the Pharmacy Compounding Accreditation Board.

Walkup's relationship with his alma mater, Ohio Northern University, and with the University of Michigan, continues as adjunct, mentoring interns and lecturing on pharmacy ownership. Walkup continues his own education through multiple venues, including those offered by the Professional Compounding Centers of America.

Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy is located at 116 N. Lafayette, Suite B, in South Lyon. Visit www.specialty-medicine.com or call 248-446-2643.

—By Dawn Tomczyk

Northville Physical Rehabilitation, PC

248-349-9339 • www.northvillephysicalrehab.com

Physical rehabilitation goes beyond just visits to a clinic and one-on-one treatments with experienced physical therapists. Once a patient is discharged the rehabilitation process can take on a new meaning and direction.

That direction is part of the strategy behind the planned expansion of the Northville Physical Rehabilitation clinic in downtown Northville.

The clinic will soon expand its four walls by adding a 3,000 square-foot-gym to a former office attached to their facility at 215 E. Main St. in Northville. The new gym will house many different types of standard exercise equipment, as well as rehabilitation equipment. Experienced personal trainers who will be able to assist people who wish to continue their physical rehabilitation will staff the facility.

According to physical therapist Dennis Engerer, the expansion is one more way that Northville Physical

Rehabilitation will continue to provide outstanding service and care to its patients.

"New or existing patients can join us at this new facility," he said. "In addition to providing traditional physical rehab services, we are also offering a supervised fitness program for our discharged patients who may want to continue beyond their initial care."

The cost to use the new gym facility — which is expected to open around September 1 — will be \$10 per month, similar to what some local gyms charge, but offering a more personal service.

"We are not trying to compete with the traditional gyms," Engerer said. "We are making this available for people who wish to continue their rehabilitation in an atmosphere that is more comfortable for them. They may have health issues that prevent them from using a traditional gym, too. There is really nothing like this in the area for people who need special assistance."



Photos by JOHN R. HALL

Part of the expanded Northville Physical Rehabilitation facility will include exercise equipment for patients to continue their rehabilitation supervised by the trained staff of physical therapists and assistants.

Current staff members will also be available to help set up a supervised program at the gym, giving patients the care they might not get from other traditional gyms.

"Patients may simply be looking for a more personal and professional approach," Engerer added. "And this new space will enable us to add new equipment, additional staff, and new programs."

"The additional space will give us the opportunity to expand all of our services. We have needed additional treatment rooms, as well as a larger gym area, for some time."

The current staff of 22 employees at Northville Physical Rehabilitation consists of physical and occupational therapists, physical therapy and occupational therapy assistants, personal trainers, and exercise physiologists.

"People are traditionally referred to us by their personal physicians or surgeons, but they are also welcome to come in without referral or consultation," Engerer said. "We can recommend a treatment plan to their physician or help them set up a personal fitness program if they would like to join our fitness program."

Engerer noted that over the years,

Northville Physical Rehabilitation Facts

- Full service rehabilitation clinic since 1985
- Occupational/physical/speech therapy services
- Free local transportation for patients
- One-on-one care
- Experienced professional trained in latest equipment and protocol
- Two Northville locations including a second with a hydro-track under water treadmill

Northville Physical Rehabilitation has attempted to cultivate a strong working relationship with local hospitals, medical centers, physician's offices, and fitness centers.

"We have always wanted to provide Northville with first class and convenient physical rehab services," he added. "We even provide transportation for our clients in Northville and communities that border Northville."

Northville Physical Rehabilitation has expanded its hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information on their services call 248-349-9339 or visit www.northvillephysicalrehab.com.

—By John R. Hall



Trina McGowan holds one of several kittens that are up for adoption throughout the year at the Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic.



Photographer JOHN R. HALL

Veterinarians and assistants comprise the all-female staff at Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic, providing first rate care for pets of all breeds.

Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic

248-349-2598 • www.hiddenspringvet.com

The staff at the Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic of Northville all have one thing in common: to provide the best care for pets and pet owners. How can veterinary professionals care for pet owners? By helping them to make informed decisions about what is best for their dogs, cats, or other animals.

In fact, so many pet owners are happy with the care and treatment their pets receive at Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic that most of the business comes from referrals — very happy customers.

One customer sent a warm letter to the staff after she and her family moved from the area and could no longer bring their pets to Hidden Spring. She wrote, "You have never let us down or them. When we needed a comforting response to an inquiring phoned-in question you gave it. When we needed reassurance about the physical well being of our dears your expertise provided it. When it was time to

lay an old friend to rest and relieve him of his loyalty and long lasting love you held him, and cried with us."

That is quite a testimonial to a group of professionals who are proud to call themselves a big family. It's no wonder that Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic has been a multiple winner of the People's Choice Award for Best Veterinary Service.

The experienced all-female staff includes one full-time veterinarian and three part-time veterinarians. The clinic was founded by owner Dr. Carol Geake, who lives on the property and still keeps a hand in the business although retired.

Beyond great pet and pet-owner care, Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic is unique for other reasons, too. The office is located in rural Northville Township on Eight Mile Road, west of Beck Road. It is part of a working farm and visitors — especially children — are given the opportunity to get close to the horses and pet them. The farm-like feel to the business makes it

warm, friendly, and relaxing.

"There is a kid's play area inside and they can go out to visit the horses," said Danielle Schreckengost, assistant manager. "The horses like it when the kids bring food, too."

And speaking of kids, the clinic often invites Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops to come in and help out around the office and the farm, so they can work toward merit badges. The staff visits a few local preschools with the pets and demonstrates proper pet care to young children. "It is also fun for us," added Danielle.

Despite some economic slowdowns, Danielle said that most people are very good about spending the resources to keep their pets healthy and on regular wellness routines. She noted that some people put off elective surgery when the budgets are tight but she is happy to report that pets are always given number one priority by Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic's clients and staff.

The clinic also has a pet adoption program involving cats and kittens. They have limited space for kittens but the ones they get often find homes right away, thanks to pet adoption sites on the Internet. Cats and kittens that are taken in are given health examinations and vaccines. They are also checked for feline leukemia.

"We make sure the cats go to a good home," said Trina McGowan, adoption coordinator. "We almost always find homes for our cats."

Hidden Spring Veterinary Clinic is located at 48525 W. Eight Mile Road. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. The office is open on Wednesdays although the staff does not take appointments on that day.

For more information call 248-349-2598 or visit www.hiddenspringvet.com.

—By John R. Hall



Some of the more popular products at Glenda's produce stands include fresh sweet corn picked daily from a Canton farm, as well as Michigan melons, beans, peaches, squash, and apples.



Submitted Photos

Glenda's Novi location is geared toward nursery items like trees, shrubs, plants, and garden materials.

Glenda's Garden Center

248-471-4794

Glenda Durham has seen a lot of changes in the years. She has owned and operated her two businesses — Glenda's Garden Center in Livonia and Novi. But what hasn't changed is the great service from her staff and the fresh produce, flowering plants, garden supplies, and landscaping ideas that go along with over 40 years in the business.

Glenda said that her staff is also made up of some very experienced people, some of whom have been with her for over 15 years. She is especially proud of the work done by a member of her Novi staff who specializes in custom work, i.e. floral

arrangements. Beyond the excellent customer service, Glenda's Garden Center is known for its many produce and plants in its inventory, so many that Glenda said it "would be hard to name them all."

Some of the more popular products include fresh sweet corn, picked daily from a Canton farm, as well as Michigan melons, beans, peaches, squash, and apples. She said there is not a big price difference between her produce and that found in larger grocery stores — and Glenda's is fresh picked daily. When the fall season rolls around, there is a large selection of pumpkins and cornstalks available at both locations.

Glenda's Garden Center sells a lot of tomato, squash, and cucumber plants, especially this year when people are facing a tighter economy and some are choosing to "plant as much as they can in their backyards," said Glenda.

She knows that times are tough and people are planting more gardens in order to keep the cost of groceries down. In fact, she planned for a drop in business

this year and lowered the prices on some of her products. But she was happy to see that many people are spending more time in their backyards and tending their gardens — all good reasons for keeping Glenda and her staff busy. She said there has also been an increase in the sales of trees and shrubs, too.

Beyond fall, Glenda's Garden Center stocks a good supply of holiday items including freshly cut Christmas trees, wreaths, and roping. Traditional holiday decorations are a specialty at Glenda's today, just as they were 40 years ago. And a lot of people keep coming back to do their shopping at both of Glenda's Garden Center locations.

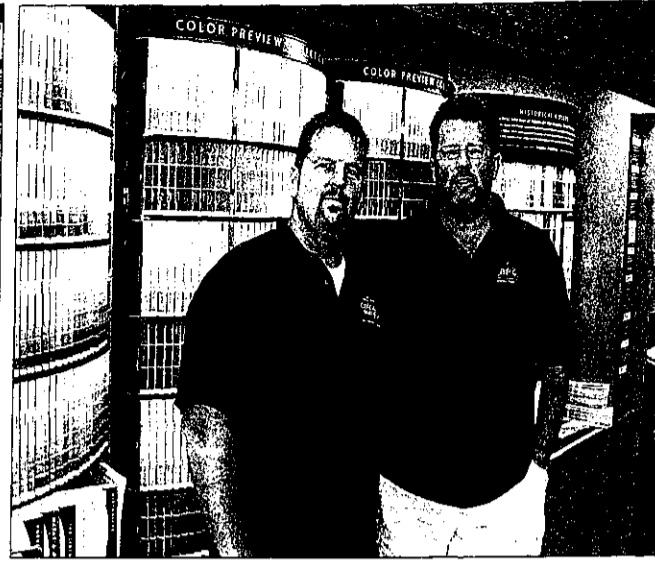
"I still see customers at our Seven Mile stand who I knew when I was working back in the 60s and 70s," Glenda said. Now those are loyal customers.

Glenda's Garden Center is located at 40575 Grand River Ave. in Novi and 35500 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Call 248-471-4794 for store information and hours of operation.

—By John R. Hall



The staff at the Northville Paint Company are experts at matching paints to every application and selling paint accessories, too.



The brothers running the Northville and Brighton paint stores featuring Benjamin Moore paints are, from left, Darin and Dwayne March.

Northville Paint Company

248-348-1599

Since April 1, people around Northville have noticed a new business where an old one existed for many years. The Northville Paint Company, featuring Benjamin Moore paints, opened its doors in the old Decorating By Dan store in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center. Business has been going very well for new owners Darin and Dwayne March.

The store is updated and downsized — providing a fresh new look for a fresh new business. Darin said his staff of five color experts, experienced professionals who concentrate on one thing only, are helping customers choose the best paint for their indoor or outdoor needs. And paint is all that matters at the Northville Paint Company.

"We specialize only in paint," he said. "We don't carry a lot of other things like a typical hardware store. We sell painting needs from the floor to the ceiling." Some of these supplies include wall/ceiling patch kits, tape, drop clothes, and paint brushes.

Paint is all Darin and Dwayne have been doing for more than 20 years, and now they own two Benjamin Moore signature stores, including one in Brighton. They are very proud to be representing Benjamin Moore paints, one of the best and most trusted names in paint.

Liven up a room

- Choose a quality paint product like Benjamin Moore
- Let something in your home inspire a color choice
- Understand how certain colors make you feel such as cool and hot colors
- Define open spaces with color
- Room colors should flow from one room to another
- Understand how lighting affects color
- Test drive a color before buying (try Benjamin Moore Color Samples)
- Understand a paint's reflective quality (sheen)

Benjamin Moore has been in business for 125 years and has over 3,000 retail outlets across the U.S. "It really is the greatest paint available," said Darin. "It goes farther, covers better, and is more dependable. And now we will be offering the Aura line from Benjamin Moore which is the best paint ever made." The Aura line uses special technology to "lock in" the color, resulting in richer hues and durability. "You can rub as hard as you want on an Aura paint job and the color will not rub off," Darin said.



The Northville Paint Company is located Highland Lakes Shopping Center, at 43145 Seven Mile Road, in Northville.

Speaking of colors, Darin said that people are using a lot more vibrant colors today and fewer pastels. "The years of off-white and white are going

away," he said. "We are seeing a lot more colors from the 70s, like gold and olive green. Painting is truly an expression of one's personality."

For people with historical homes, which there are many in Northville, Benjamin Moore has 172 colors that are matched to historical homes. And with so many people deciding to fix up their

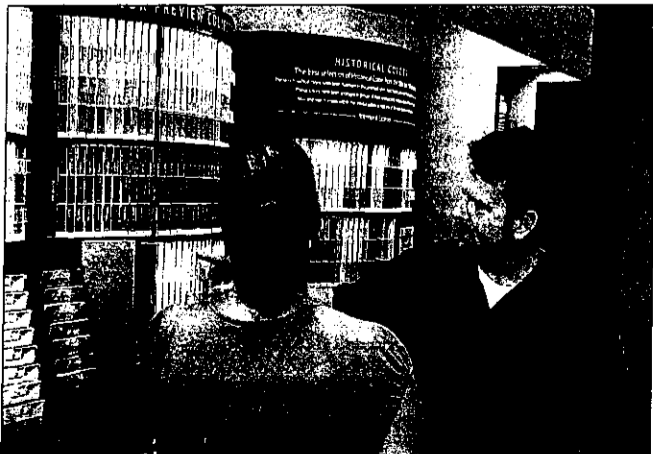
own homes rather than sell, a fresh coat of paint can go a long way. "For \$40, a person can really update a room and make it look fresh," Darin added.

A lot of repaint contractors are recommending the Northville Paint Company and Benjamin Moore to their customers — and a new home freshly painted with Benjamin

Moore paints is often a premium upgrade. Darin said his store will also offer occasional specials and have an annual anniversary sale, too.

Store hours are from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information call 248-348-1599.

— By John R. Hall



Darin March has many years of experience finding the right paint color for his residential and commercial customers.

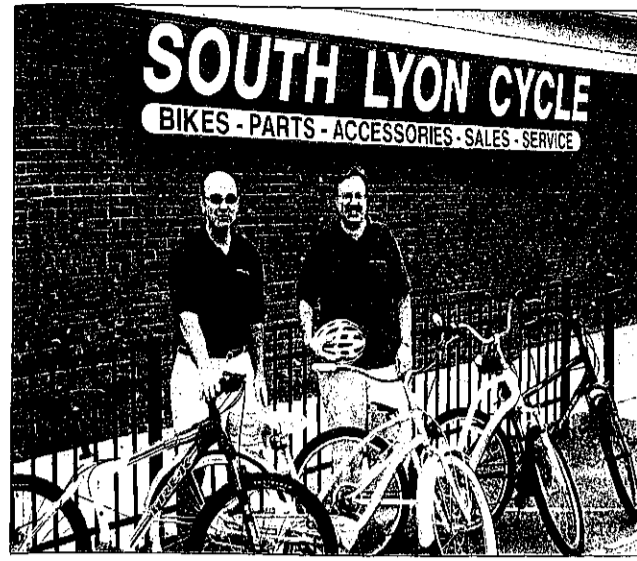


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Gary, left, and Mark Childs offer quality bikes, one-day repair service, tune-ups and more at South Lyon Cycle.

South Lyon Cycle

248-437-0500 • www.southlyoncycle.com

As our community has grown, so has South Lyon Cycle. The Childs brothers, owners and operators of South Lyon Cycle, are devoted to bikes.

South Lyon Cycle stocks a large selection of bicycles at great values. Mountain, comfort, hybrid, road, cruiser, recumbent, BMX, freestyle and juvenile bicycles include top brands like Trek, Gary Fisher, Giant, Electra, Townie, Haro and G.T. Expert assembly is offered on all bikes. Bikes are offered in a variety of sizes including 12-inch, 16-inch, 20-inch and 24-inch wheel bikes for children as well as adult models in many frames and sizes.

Customers are sold a bike that meets their needs with proper fit for comfort and safety emphasized. Helmets are recommended and correct sizing and fit for safety and comfort is free. South Lyon Cycle offers an extensive parts inventory and popular accessories — including trailers, child carriers, bike carriers and women's and men's gel comfort saddles. Hammer Nutrition endurance products and supplements are also stocked.

One-day repair service is available on all brands. Tune-ups are a specialty for better performance and the safety of any

bike. With gas at \$4 plus per gallon, the solution to some of the world's biggest problems is right in your garage. For your health, for the world, and for our future, for trips of 2 miles or less, go by bike! Once you try riding your bike, instead of driving your car, mini van, truck or SUV for short trips, you may find that you are not only saving gas, but enjoying yourself as well.

South Lyon Cycle offers many accessories, such as racks, baskets and bags to carry everything from groceries to work equipment to camping and sports gear to small dogs.

South Lyon Cycle is located in downtown South Lyon at 209 S. Lafayette (Pontiac Trail), two blocks south of Ten Mile Road, minutes from Island Lake State Recreation Area, Kensington Metropark, Maybury State Park, the Huron Valley Trail System and South Lyon's Rail Trail.

Great selection, great service, great value just minutes from Novi and Northville.

Save gas — shop locally!
Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.



Photo by LON HUHMANN

The three generations of the Hahn family teaching dance at Sheryl's School of Dance are, from left, Sheryl Sulek, Julie Hughes, Jackie Sulek, Arlene Hahn, and in front, Arlene Hahn's great-granddaughters Madison and Kylie Hughes.

Sheryl's School of Dance

248-473-1160 • www.sherylsdance.com

At Sheryl's School of Dance there is a lifetime of experience behind teaching dance students the skills and education that hopes to give them a lifetime of appreciation for the creative outlet of dance.

Owner Sheryl Sulek has been offering dance lessons from her studio in Novi for 18 years. Her love of teaching dance, however, began 48 years ago when she began teaching neighborhood children at her home. Her school of dance is testament to how far she and her family have come since the dance teaching at home.

"Learning and teaching dance has become not only professional love, but a family one as well, which started with my mother Arlene," Sulek says in reference to her daughters taking on a larger role of teaching dance at the school. "I now have my two girls teaching my grandchildren and this has branched out into other families as well. Generations of families have come here to learn and have fun. That makes us proud here."

Another point of pride for Sheryl's School of Dance is the overall and individual success stories that have come from students. Sulek points out that in

the case of the overall success of the school is the fact that a dance education instills a discipline and focus that have many students in other areas of life. Individually, there have been students of Sulek's that have gone on to be successes in the dance world. Novi resident Nicole Blaszczak is one and she is now reigning Miss Dance Michigan as well as placing second in Miss Dance of America. One success story is former student Fred Diaz, who went on to become Mr. Dance of Michigan in 2007 and is now training at the prestigious EDGE Performing Arts Center.

Sheryl's offers classes in both recreational and competitive programs for students 3-years-old and up to adult. The types of dance classes offered are Tap, Jazz, Ballet and Hip-Hop. For the intermediate and advanced students there are also Lyrical, Point, Technique and Cecchetti classes.

Sheryl's School of Dance is located at 40500 Grand River Ave. in Novi and at their Web site at www.sherylsdance.com. They can be reached at 248-473-1160 or by e-mail at sherylsdance@sbeglobal.net.

— By Lon Huhmann



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

The entire staff of Orin Jewelers provides the expertise, care, and customer service that has been a trademark of Orin Jewelers for 75 years.

Orin Jewelers

248-349-6940

www.orinjewelers.com

Experience, professionalism, great service, quality products, and a rich sense of history are all trademarks of Orin Jewelers in downtown Northville.

The business, a familiar site on the corner of Main and Center streets, has been home to many customers who have depended on Orin Mazzoni Jr. and his staff to have the finest quality jewelry for special gifts, special occasions, or "just because."

"Our staff takes a lot of pride in what we do and pays special attention to caring for our customer's needs," said Mazzoni. "We have a great staff with many years of experience."

Speaking of experience, the Mazzoni family is celebrating 75 years in the jewelry business, which was started by Orin J. Mazzoni Sr. when he opened his first store in Weirton, West Virginia in 1933. He later moved the family to Garden City where he opened his first Michigan store in 1953, which still exists today at the corner of Ford and Middlebelt.

Orin J. Mazzoni Sr. opened in 1953. Mazzoni's daughter, Gina, granddaughter of the company founder, joined the Northville staff in 2000. Gina received her graduate gemologist degree in Carlsbad, California at the prestigious Gemological Institute of America, and has a business degree from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. Her position has given Orin Jewelers the opportunity to call themselves a third generation family business.

Beyond the family history, Orin Jewelers is well known for its superior products, including the famous Hearts on Fire collection. Hearts on Fire is labeled as the "world's most perfectly cut diamond" and it truly is, according to Mazzoni.

"The diamonds are still cut by hand using the most high-tech cutting equipment available," he said. "The jewelry line is absolutely beautiful."

Orin Jewelers carries the complete Hearts on Fire collection including rings, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, accessories, and men's and children's products.

Another very popular line, according to Mazzoni, is the Alwand Vahan collection featuring sterling silver pieces with gold accents. Gold and sterling is handcrafted into bracelets, rings, earrings, and necklaces. "We are the only store on the west side of Detroit that carries this line," added Mazzoni.

Orin Jewelers carries the popular Pandora line of charms bracelets and charms as well as Peter Storm Naked Diamonds, Mark Schneider, and Tacori.

Men's jewelry is well represented by several brands featuring stainless steel and tungsten materials.

"We have some real nice looks in heavy men's bracelets in the \$300 to \$400 range," Mazzoni said.



Gina Mazzoni, granddaughter of Orin J. Mazzoni, the company founder, received her graduate gemologist degree in Carlsbad, California at the prestigious Gemological Institute of America.

He sees some trends emerging in the jewelry market as people are looking for quality products at affordable prices.

"More people are buying white metal like sterling and platinum," Mazzoni said. "Yellow gold is making a comeback, and a lot of two-tone blends like white and yellow gold are popular."

Despite a slumping economy, Mazzoni recognizes that people will always be interested in quality products — they just like to have more choices.

"People are always interested in quality, regardless of the price range," he said. "We work very hard at bringing in products at various price points."

"Even in a down economy people may not be spending as much, but they love coming into our store and being treated special. That's why people come back and why we have worked years and years to build up a good reputation. It is rewarding to meet people who remember what we do."

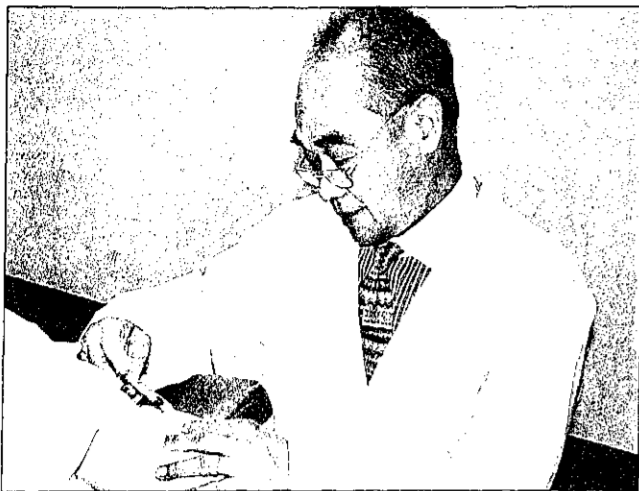
Mazzoni invites all customers in to meet the experienced staff, especially new manager Linda Minnaugh, who is carrying on the tradition of excellent customer service.

For store hours call 248-349-6940, or stroll into the store at 101 East Main St., in Northville. You can also visit them on the Web at www.orinjewelers.com.

— By John R. Hall



Gina Mazzoni and her dad, Orin Mazzoni have carried on the family tradition at Orin Jewelers in Northville for 25 years.



Dr. Adelfo N. Pammatat of the BA Laser Vein Center is experienced with the treatment of spider and varicose veins. Photo by JOHN R. HALL

BA Laser Vein Center

248-344-4333 • www.ba-laser.com

For people seeking ways to improve beauty and regenerate their skin, there is a new option in the Novi market — a clinic that is putting the “fun” into skin treatment while providing services at competitive prices.

The BA Laser Vein Center opened in February 2008 at 42450 12 Mile Road, across from Twelve Oaks Mall, and is operated by Dr. Adelfo N. Pammatat and Barbara Szkap, both experienced in skin care and cosmetology. Pammatat has been practicing medicine in Michigan for 25 years and spent the last five years refining his techniques treating varicose and spider veins. Barbara is a Michigan licensed Cosmetologist and Aesthetician.

The clinic specializes in the following areas:

- Microdermabrasion — a natural way of evenly and safely exfoliate the skin without the use of chemicals or laser. This slowly removes the outer layer of the skin, leaving a young healthy looking skin.
- Chemical peel — another form of Microdermabrasion. An oxidizing chemical is applied to the skin and when removed, leaves a fresh healthy looking skin.
- Botox — injected to relax the muscles thereby decreasing dynamic wrinkles. Skin fillers — are used to plump up skin and fill up permanent wrinkles.
- Spider veins (telangiectasia) and varicose veins — are treated by sclerotherapy.

which is the injection of small amount of sclerosing agent into the veins, which closes the vein.

Visitors are encouraged to come in for a free consultation. Dr. Pammatat and Barbara will discuss various treatments while making patients feel relaxed and comfortable. There is no high pressure and certainly no lack of good conversation.

“Dr. Pammatat is polite and quiet and I am conversational,” joked Barbara. “We are both very honest and will tell patients the truth. We will not recommend a treatment if they don’t need it.”

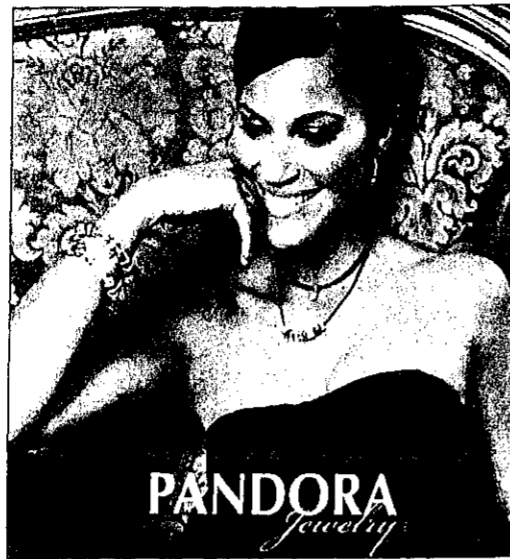
Price also sets the BA Laser Vein Center apart from other clinics. The overhead is lower with two people in the office.

“One customer asked us about our spider vein treatments and found out they were \$300 less than what she had been paying. I suggested she visit us and use the money she saved to take us to lunch,” said Barbara with her usual fun attitude.

Dr. Pammatat noted that some people will come in for one treatment and walk out with the knowledge that we are capable of performing several other treatments. They can also purchase skin care products which are available at the BA Laser Vein Center.

For a free consultation call 248-344-4333 and visit www.ba-laser.com for more information.

— By John R. Hall



Submitted Photo
Larson Jewelry Design in Novi is a Pandora Gold dealer, carrying everything in the Pandora jewelry line.

Larson Jewelry Design

248-347-4653

Brian Larson is an awesome jeweler. That is the exact phrase that a customer used to describe him and his service. The owner of Larson Jewelry Design in Novi hears that a lot from his customers, because they appreciate his quality work and his attention to detail.

Larson Jewelry Design has become a mainstay in the Novi business community. Located in the Main Street Centre at 43155 Main St., the jewelry store is home to many different types of jewelry in many different price ranges. Larson knows that in today’s economy his customers look for value as well as excellent customer service.

That’s probably why this customer, who described Larson as “awesome” also had this to say in an online review. “My husband bought me a beautiful emerald and diamond bracelet one Christmas, and we also bought my wedding ring from Brian. He has beautiful designs and workmanship, and you know you can trust him. In fact, I now live in Arizona and I’m sending in my ring that I damaged while gardening for repair, because he’s the only one I would trust with it.”

That’s quite a testimonial for a jeweler who takes care of his customers. He is showing that same care in the products he sells, including Pandora, his signature jewelry collection. Pandora is wildly popular among people of all ages who are looking for a unique way to personalize their jewelry collection. Pandora makes jewelry which is famous for its unique threading system. For example, the custom bracelets are divided into three sections by threads. This design allows the beads to stay distributed over the whole bracelet.

According to a Pandora press release, “All of our jewelry is made by hand, with each stone hand set, and each detail hand applied. Each and every jewelry piece is its own work of art, made with the highest quality of materials. We craft our jewelry exclusively in 14K gold and sterling silver, using only precious stones.”

Larson knows that consumers will like the price of Pandora charms, which begin at \$25. Pandora earrings begin at \$20. “In today’s economy, that is very affordable,” he said. “Pandora is the hottest thing going right now. And Pandora charms are a great gift for guys who don’t know what to buy their wife or girlfriend.”

Larson Jewelry Design is a Pandora Gold dealer, carrying everything in the expanding Pandora line. Larson is one of the largest Pandora retailers in Michigan.

Larson said he is entertaining thoughts of expanding his store to keep things fresh. Although most of his products cater to women, he still carries a great line of men’s watches, lighters, etc.

Call Larson Jewelry Design at 248-347-4653.

— By John R. Hall



Poise Pilates co-owner Heidi Malzahn demonstrates a training exercise featuring the trapeze table, the same equipment designed by Pilates’ inventor Joseph Pilates. Photo by JOHN HALL

Poise Pilates

248-349-3100 • www.poise-pilates.com

People of all ages are learning the benefits of physical training with the Pilates Method. Pilates is a system of full body strength training exercises which focus on the deep muscles of the core while increasing flexibility throughout the body. The training has been available to members of the Northville community since 2001 at Poise Pilates, co-owned by Heidi Malzahn and Susan Steinkle.

Pilates’ appeal to all age groups continues to grow as people learn more about the Method, which was developed by Joseph Pilates in the 1920s. Pilates dedicated his life to helping himself and others overcome physical weakness and faulty posture through his exercise system. Malzahn’s students range in age from 15-91 years of age, some of whom are physical therapy clients at the studio.

“We are able to provide physical therapy to clients with a doctor’s prescription. We also get many clients who have finished physical therapy due to illness or injury, and work with them to develop customized training,” Malzahn said. Her staff of eight includes a licensed physical therapist.

Because the Pilates Method includes over 500 exercises of widely varying difficulty, Pilates can be practiced by nearly anyone, regardless of their current physical condition.

Malzahn began practicing Pilates 11 years ago and has noticed dramatic changes in

“Pilates can be practiced by nearly anyone regardless of their current condition.”

— Heidi Malzahn
Poise Pilates

her own body. She can pass on improved posture, long lean strong muscles, better flexibility and reduced lower back pain to her clients. She is a Certified Pilates Teacher through Core Dynamics Pilates, taught by Master Pilates Teachers Michele Larsson and Margarette Raymond.

Poise Pilates is a fully equipped studio located at 185 E. Main St., in downtown Northville.

The staff of instructors conduct private and small group sessions by appointment. Prices range from \$20 to \$75 per hour. The 90-minute initial private session for \$25 is the best way to start. The staff recommends two to three sessions per week to achieve maximum benefit.



Simply Wine offers a diverse selection of affordable fine wines paired with an inviting atmosphere and friendly staff. This boutique wine shop offers more than 100 great tasting wines under the price of \$15, as well as wines for those connoisseurs and lovers of a higher-end taste. Photo by LON HUMMAN

Simply Wine

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The first thing a patron may notice upon walking into Simply Wine is the warm, friendly atmosphere. The second thing she or he will surely become aware of is the wide variety of wine bottles displayed throughout the downtown Northville shop.

According to co-owners Maria Vasselou and Laura McQueen, the pride of Simply Wine is its diverse selection of affordable fine wines paired with an inviting atmosphere and friendly staff. One primary aspect to this boutique wine shop is that it offers more than 100 great tasting wines under the price of \$15. However, it also features wines for those connoisseurs and lovers of a higher end taste.

“We aim to appeal across the diverse spectrum of wine drinkers, be it an individual wanting to pick up a bottle for dinner that night or the person planning an important dinner party,” said Vasselou. “Simply Wine views each individual and situation as being just as important as the next, so we hope to give our advice and knowledge to those hoping to find just the right taste for their specific need.”

There are four primary categories of wines at the shop — ripe, rustic, rich and clean. Within these areas of taste are the listings of varieties, flavors and food pairings. For example, let’s say the patron is looking for a wine to have with his or her barbecue dinner that night. With the help

of Simply Wine’s category listings the patron may easily find a variety of zinfandel, cabernet and shiraz under the ripe category.

When it comes to selecting a wine some may feel slightly intimidated or unknowing. However, because of the friendliness and welcoming demeanor of Vasselou and McQueen, these fears will soon disappear. These service qualities are some of the traits that make this shop worth walking into.

“There are no silly questions,” McQueen said. “We want to get to know our customers as best as we can.”

Other features of Simply Wine are its wine club that features two bottles a month for only \$25. The club has no cost to join and has a 10 percent discount off all wine club wines throughout the month. A member can stop in at the first of the month and find his or her wine waiting for them.

The shop will also organize a private wine tasting party, which they say is perfect for a “girls’ night out.” Other unique accessories are available at the shop along with the service of putting together made-to-order gift baskets.

Simply Wine is located at 109 N. Center St. in Northville and can be reached at 248-380-WINE (9463), or by e-mail at simplywinenorthville@hotmail.com.

— By Lon Humman



The interior of the newly remodeled Perfect Floors Showroom. Photo by MICHAEL J. PILOTTI

Perfect Floors

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In 1832 the town of South Lyon was named so by the Michigan legislature in honor of one of its original residents, Lucius Lyon. Today the town is called home by over 10,000 residents, thanks to its endearing nature and small town charm. The flooring store that Ron Williams and his family operates, Perfect Floors, is a sight more modern than one of the very first stores opened in the new little town in the 1800s.

As the face of South Lyon has changed, modestly so has the inside of Perfect Floors. The reason for the change is to give customers the advantage of more flooring options available at their finger tips, more room to move around in, and the ease of viewing the hundreds of samples on display. The updated showroom showcases fresh new styles and colors of every flooring possibility.

Perfect Floors has over 100 brand names available for customers to choose from — that’s almost more flooring choices than the number of South Lyon residents when the town was founded back in 1832.

As South Lyon residents, and Perfect Floors customers know, Ron Williams and his son Ronnie have kept Perfect Floors friendly and diverse as any other flooring store in the state. Combine their vast flooring selections with a close-to-home shopping convenience, and the opportuni-

ty to take samples to your home to see how they compliment your décor, you’ll soon realize that warmth and hometown charm are what Ron and his son are all about at Perfect Floors. Come and let them answer all of your tough flooring questions about quality, color, ceramic or hardwood, laminate or carpet.

Professional installation and the Perfect Floors’ promise of “Lowest Prices Guaranteed” means that no matter what size your budget or home is, you will be very happy you shopped in town for your flooring needs.

You can also treat your eyes to an impressive display of all the offerings at Perfect Floors on their Web site at: www.perfectfloorsinc.com.

Save gas and shop close to home. Help the economy and put your stimulus check to good use by increasing the value, comfort and beauty of your residence. Get an unbeatable deal on your purchase and work with the family that takes care of each and everyone like a good friend.

Perfect Floors is located at 21946 Pontiac Trail South Lyon, just south of downtown South Lyon. Their hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Perfect Floors — where great floors and customers for life begin.

— By Michael Pilotti



An autistic child is accompanied by his father as he receives hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment while watching his favorite DVD at the Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Center in South Lyon. Submitted photo

Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Center

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What Bruce and Tami Powell did for their daughter JeAnnah is now having a profound impact on the lives and health of many children and adults in the South Lyon community and beyond.

The Powells, residents of South Lyon, are owners and operators of the Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Center on 21800 Pontiac Trail. Their journey to healing patients through hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) began in 2006, when their nine-year-old daughter, JeAnnah, contracted viral encephalitis after a bout with chicken pox. The life-threatening disease left the young girl wheelchair bound, mentally and emotionally impaired, with reduced vision.

The Powells tried everything they could to find a cure for the terrible damage done by the virus. They eventually learned about HBOT, which is 100 percent oxygen administered to the entire body at greater than normal atmospheric pressure. The therapy treatments worked for JeAnnah. Almost immediately the results were positive as she regained motor functions and communication skills over the next few months. She has now left behind her wheelchair and has returned to one of her many favorite passions — dance.

The healing power of pressurized oxygen is phenomenal,” said Tami.

The Powells were so impressed with HBOT therapy that they wanted to give others the same hope they found. The first patient treated came to the clinic seeking healing from a stroke he suffered four years earlier. Almost immediately results were seen with his speech

and he no longer required to wear a foot brace. Prior to HBOT his doctors saw no improvements in his cerebral artery blockage after four years and were convinced he needed surgery to add stents. However, after three weeks of HBOT, his transcranial image done by a cardiologist showed an increase in velocity in the posterior cerebral and vertebral arteries. His results left everyone in awe!

“I have been teaching special education for years and after seeing what HBOT can do, I am convinced many children could have been healed, not to mention the many stroke victims and so, so many others,” said Tami. “It’s not a quick magic pill, but it accelerates the healing process and offers hope where there is no hope.”

The Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Center opened this past May. It is one of only about 1,000 similar facilities in the U.S. — and the only one in Michigan of its kind. People come from many other states for HBOT treatment, including a mother and her autistic son from Virginia, who have seen improvement in the child’s condition since beginning the treatments. “He is able to sleep through the night and his attention span is improving,” said Tami.

HBOT can treat a variety of conditions including Autism, strokes, chronic pain, fibromyalgia, TBI’s, non-healing wounds, Crohn’s disease, or to reduce symptoms of chemotherapy, etc., and can be used in conjunction with physical therapy for accelerated healing.

For more information call 248-486-3636 or visit www.healingwithhbot.com.

— By John R. Hall



Dr. David A. Woody and his staff of trained professionals always generate a warm feeling for their patients. Photos by JOHN R. HALL



It isn’t unusual to find Dr. David A. Woody and his staff having fun with their patients — they are all like family. Photos by JOHN R. HALL

David A. Woody, DDS

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There are so many factors that go into making a dental office appealing and relaxing — those factors are what make the dental practice of Dr. David Woody appealing to patients of all ages. From the moment a patient walks through the doors of the office at 39885 Grand River Ave. in Novi, they know they are in a special environment.

“People feel welcome as soon as they walk through our door,” said Dr. Woody. “Every business like ours can say that they are better than the others but being better is hard to define.

“We have a top-notch staff, our location is very good, and we use the latest dental technology. Even our physical appearance with a lot of wood tones in the office gives a feeling of warmth. And the staff also creates a warmth, too.”

Part of the warm appeal is the family atmosphere, where everyone is treated like family with care and respect. Dr. Woody is genuinely concerned about the well being

of his patients from the moment they arrive to long after they have left.

“I will call patients back the same night after they have been anesthetized to make sure they are doing okay,” he said. “I also call others who have had major dental surgery within a few days to see how they are feeling, too.”

Follow-up is very important to Dr. Woody’s staff. They want to ensure that their patients have had a good experience and do not want to make them feel they were part of a production line process.

“We send out surveys to our patients for their feedback and have found that about 95 percent think our service is very good or excellent,” Dr. Woody said. “We are always looking for ways to improve.”

Part of the self-evaluation process involves morning “huddles” with the five-person staff. Each staff member talks about how to serve patients and what they can do better.

“Our team feeds off of each other,” added

Dr. Woody. “We have been together for many years. Our newest hire has already been here five years. When patients work with a staff that has been together this long they feel very comfortable.”

Dr. Woody knows that patients have choices and often go where insurance carriers suggest, but he isn’t sure that that is always the best thing to do. “It is all about having the patient’s best interest in mind,” he said. “It isn’t necessarily what the insurance companies think is best.”

Speaking of insurance, Dr. Woody and his staff make sure they know as much as they can about their patients in order to discuss insurance options and financial arrangements.

“We discuss every procedure ahead of time with each patient so they understand it all before proceeding,” he said. “We practice honesty and integrity — we are not salespeople. We will tell patients what they need without trying to oversell them.”

The office is open evening hours on Tuesdays until 7 p.m. and early morning hours on Thursdays at 7 a.m. For more information call 248-476-3800 or visit www.davidawoodydds.com.

If you are looking for professional dentistry that is personable too, look no further than Dr. David A. Woody and his staff. “We are very personable and go out of our way to learn as much as we can about our patients,” he said.

— By John R. Hall



Photos by LON HUHMANN

Jim Davis, owner of Davis Auto Care, proudly displays his technicians' certifications in the lobby of Davis Auto Care for car owners to see. Inset: The staff at Jim's Oil Depot are, from left: Brian, manager; Geo and Jeff, oil change technicians; and Gene, assistant manager.

Davis Auto Care

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"Miles per gallon" means a lot more now than a gallon of gas costs \$4.00 than when the price was \$1.50. No longer is calculating mileage just an exercise for those with too much time on their hands.

Now, everyone is looking to squeeze as much mileage as possible out of the gasoline that we are so dependent on.

Davis Auto Care in Northville has been quietly helping their customers with this pursuit for nearly 30 years.

"A properly maintained vehicle will achieve the best fuel economy," says owner Jim Davis. "It's an extra benefit to having a safe, dependable vehicle."

Their technicians, all A.S.E. Master Certified, have over 100 years of combined experience. These experts have the training, equipment and expertise to know how keep a vehicle running economically and at peak performance.

"Many people are keeping cars longer

than they did a few years back," Davis explains. "Cars, SUV's and trucks are much better built than they were in the past. They have the potential to be road worthy for hundreds of thousands of miles, with proper care."

One reason that fuel economy can be lost is having a vehicle that is not performing properly. Yesterday's "tune-up" with a timing light is a faded memory, replaced by many sophisticated computer-controlled systems. Davis Auto Care has invested in all the latest technology to insure they are always ready to deliver the "fixed right, on time, the first time" service they have become known for.

Additionally, they have access to advanced training from vehicle manufacturers due to their parts buying volume. And they subscribe to several online and telephone diagnostic hot lines where top technicians can share the latest information on solving even the

most unusual problems on vehicles which become continually more complex with each new model year.

While the main repair facility deals with most of the preventative maintenance, diagnosis and repairs, minor maintenance is handled at the company's quick oil change next door, Jim's Oil Depot. There, customers can get an oil change, tire service, bulb replacement or cooling system flush, all without an appointment or leaving the vehicle.

"Another important factor in fuel economy is tire inflation," Jim Davis pointed out. "Under inflated tires can rob a vehicle of several miles per gallon. Having all tires properly inflated is important for good gas mileage in addition to proper handling, braking and to avoid premature tire wear." Jim's Oil Depot also offers Nitrogen inflation for tires, which many experts say adds even more to good fuel economy.

While Davis Auto Care and Jim's Oil Depot strive to give their customers every possible advantage to get the most out of today's automotive maintenance and operating costs, their Ultimate Image Auto Spa is looking to preserve future value. Experts recommend waxing a vehicle's exterior every six months to protect the finish and prevent damage that could cost hundreds of dollars to repair.

Just as a house needs "curb appeal" to sell and fetch the highest price for its owner, a vehicle has to look its best when it comes time to sell or trade it in. Even leased vehicles should be properly protected so that there are no hassles when the lease ends.

Davis Auto Care, Jim's Oil Depot and the Ultimate Image Auto Spa are located at 807 Doherty Drive, in the Northville Industrial Park. They can be reached at 248-349-5115, or at their Web site www.davisautocare.com.



The garage at Davis Auto Care is clean, orderly, and equipped with the latest diagnostic tools to expedite the completion of repairs by Davis' technicians.



Certified Master Technician Craig Becker works on a vehicle at Davis Auto Care.